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# YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU WANT

## MAN to MAN AND YOU WOMYN to WOMYN

## TOUCH EACH OTHER

by Christopher Lefler

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# YOUR VIEWS ARE NEEDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA'S TASK FORCE ON TEACHING

The Task Force on Teaching, established as a joint initiative by the University administration and the Faculty Association and supported by the Learning and Teaching Centre, will be involved during this spring Semester in two important tasks:

1. **to inform itself about the present state of teaching at the University of Victoria and about the priority presently given to teaching in its various departments, programs and faculties.**

2. **to make recommendations on measures that might be taken to improve the quality of teaching on this campus, including changes to existing policies, conditions and practices that affect teaching, the evaluation of teaching success and the recognition and encouragement of excellence in teaching.**

## UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA'S TASK FORCE ON TEACHING

The Task Force will gather information from all of the teaching and directly related administrative units on campus, as well as from campus–wide and departmental student organizations. To accomplish its dual mandate effectively, however, it must also ascertain the views and profit from the suggestions of individual faculty members, students and others involved in the educational process.

**TO THIS END, THE TASK FORCE ON TEACHING INVITES WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM YOU REGARDING THE PRESENT STATE AND PRIORITY OF TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA AND MEANS OF ENCOURAGING ITS IMPROVEMENT.**

Submissions should be sent by *24 February* to:

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**THE TASK FORCE ALSO INVITES YOU TO ATTEND AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS IN PERSON AT A PUBLIC FORUM ON TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, FROM 12:00 TO 2:00 IN THE BOARD AND SENATE CHAMBERS — UNIVERSITY CENTRE A180.**

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA'S TASK FORCE ON TEACHING

# Look to Stonewall for roots of third wave

by Brian Young

On June 27, 1969 one of the most significant and unrecognized riots in North American history hit the streets in New York.

The Stonewall Riots represented the entry of gay men and lesbians into the Civil Rights Movement, and the beginning of an organized struggle by queer people to live lives free of harassment and brutality.

The Stonewall Inn was an unassuming gay bar in Greenwich Village when the men in blue, sworn to serve and protect, raided it. They arrested, roughed up, and verbally abused many of the patrons.

The events of that night would have passed unnoticed except for one thing: the queers fought back, throwing bottles, yelling and screaming, and fighting hand-to-hand with the police.

**It is to the drag queens that queer people are indebted for many of the freedoms lesbians and gay men now enjoy.**

Gay men had never before gathered together in America to express the anger and bitterness they had all felt individually.

People like those at the Stonewall have fought long and hard to change the way the straight population thinks of gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals.

Now a new militancy exists as a direct response to the unwillingness of people in power to listen to the queer voice.

'Straightification' of the gay public image and the marginalization of fringe groups within the gay community are two alarming ways times have changed.

Stonewall continues to act as a context for understanding these changes. The Stonewall patrons were a pretty heterogenous bunch: many ordinary looking queers, some in business, some in school. But there were also drag queens, who were then more integrated in gay culture than they are now.

When the raid came, most establishment queers ran for cover, afraid of public scrutiny. The drag queens got the ball rolling on the front lines, and it is to the DQ's that queer people are indebted for many of the freedoms lesbians and gay men now enjoy.

This is a big problem for many gays and lesbians today — especially young ones for whom the drag queen is a quaint relic from the disco era. There are factions within the gay community who find queens an embarrassment when trying to 'look good' in a quiet legislative fight for human rights.

This 'sanitation' of the gay public image, in the name of some greater 'good' called integration, is internalized homophobia.

The integration philosophy proposes queers prove they look 'straight' and are 'just like' the heterosexual male establishment.

The gay community is not; it is diverse, and cannot be summed up through homogenized icons like the three-piece suit.

When people in the gay community tell DQ's or leather men they have no place on the queer nation's political agenda, they demonstrate how willing they are to compromise the principles of that agenda for the sake of political expediency.

By denying the drag queen a voice, the gay population rejects diversity and encourages the homogeneity out of which hatred and prejudice are born.

**These proud Mary's got the ball rolling.**

**Lip service liberation is all the gains of the 60s and 70s amounted to.**

Being gay or lesbian is being 'queer' — strange — on the fringes of the mainstream. These outer limits afford a vantage point not found from within.

A lack of respect for diversity implies integration into the orthodoxy.

It is difference that makes a queer person a threat and a persecuted group. Difference must be central to the queer political agenda, for 'acceptance' means gays don't call their male friends Mary or discuss things done in bed which are bones of contention with those who repress homosexuality.

Rejecting drag queens or other 'queer' queers exercises the very kind of bigoted exclusion the gay community is fighting to eradicate.

In the post-Stonewall 70s it was thought the battles against homophobia and heterosexism were making inroads on the mainstream consciousness. The notion of a 'gay identity' took hold, typified by life on 'the Castro' in San Francisco — Main Street U.S.A. of the new homosexual culture.

The feeling that gains had been made, that the 60s had ushered in the Age of Aquarius, were echoed by blacks and women in the Civil Rights Movement.

Later, as the AIDS Crisis took hold, leaving gay neighbourhoods feeling like plague towns, fast friends began turning their backs on queers — the notable exception being lesbian women, who have done more for gay men through the Health Crisis than the men have for them in their battles.

Lip service liberation is all the gains of the 60s and 70s amounted to. Thousands and thousands of gay men were dying, and no one who held the purse-strings cared.

It took a decade of the Reagan-Bush administration and an

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# Activists have Constitution to fight

by Christopher Lefler

One interpretation of the Canadian constitution says discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal, but gay activists are lobbying to have it confirmed in ink.

In 1969, then Justice Minister Pierre Trudeau introduced to the House of Commons a bill to decriminalize homosexuality.

The legislation was not passed until he became prime minister, when it was reintroduced by then-Justice Minister John Turner.

In 1977/78 Quebec became the first legislative body to protect sexual orientation in its provincial human rights code.

Assuming discrimination based on sex would be interpreted to include sexual orientation, the Trudeau government did not introduce similar protections into the new Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which accompanied the repatriation of the Canadian constitution in 1982, was also drawn up without protection for sexual orientation.

A parliamentary committee heard a motion to include sexual orientation under Section 15 of the Charter.

In a 15-2 vote against the motion, the sole support came from New Democratic Party members Lorne Nystrom and Svend Robinson.

No Liberals or Conservatives supported this motion. Jean Chretien, then Minister of Justice, was among the no-voters.

Rulings in the Federal Court of Canada have said the grounds innumerated in Section 15 are not limited to sex alone.

KIM CAMPBELL JUSTICE MINISTER
6 YEARS OF STALLING
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AMENDMENTS

As well, the Federal government and its Minister of Justice have stated in certain cases that the charter does include sexual orientation in its meaning.

A parliamentary committee of October 1985, examining the impact of the Charter on federal legislation, recommended the Canadian Human Rights Act be amended.

Then Minister of Justice John Crosby said, "We will take whatever measures are necessary to insure sexual orientation is a prohibited grounds for discrimination in all areas of federal jurisdiction."

An all-party report prepared by three Tory members, one Liberal, and one NDP member, recommended unanimously the adoption of this amendment.

That was March 1986, and the amendment has yet to go to caucus.

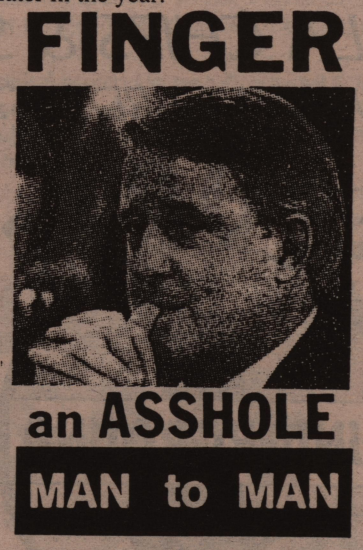
Where the Charter covers all areas of federal jurisdiction, such as the armed forces and immigration, the CHRA covers only the federally regulated private sector, such as banks and transportation companies.

While cases of discrimination due to Defense and Immigration policies have been heard in federal court with favourable rulings, cases which must be brought to court through the Candian Human Rights Commission have been blocked due to the absence of sexual orientation from its discrimination mandate.

In the fall of 1991, Haig, an Ottawa gay activist , charged the CHRA with discrimination under Section 15 of the Charter, because it failed to include sexual orientation in its mandate.

The judge decided in favour of Haig, and consequently ruled the CHRA unconstitutional. The federal government was given six months to appeal, which it did, under the decision of Justice Minister Kim Campbell.

As of January 1992, the appeal is being heard with a decision due later in the year.




BRIAN MULRONEY PRIME MINISTER
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It is expected the appeal will be lost. The Mulroney government will then be required to amend the act or strike it down, as was the case with the latest abortion law.

In the interim, the CHRC would likely be ordered to include discrimination on sexual orientation in its mandate. It would be the first time all areas of federal jurisdiction have provided this type of protection for lesbians, gays, and bisexuals.

Provincial governments would not be required to align their legislation with this ruling.

In 1986, NDP member Evelyn Gigantes, now Housing Minister, introduced to the Ontario Government legislation to amend the Ontario Human Rights Code.

It passed the legislation in a free vote. In 1991, the Government of Nova Scotia amended its code but only to affect certain jurisdictions.

The Yukon provides for protection, and the recently elected NDP governments in Saskatchewan and British Columbia are both committed to amending their respective codes, the latter presumably this spring.

Svend Robinson, working with the whole NDP caucus, including Dawn Black, the women's spokesperson, and Ian Wadell, the justice critic, has been very active in lobbying the Conservative government to keep its 1986 promise to amend the CHRA.

The campaign encourages constituents to write their MPs, demanding that Campbell stop appealing court decisions which turn down current discriminatory legislation, and to stop stalling on her government's six year old promise.

Robinson's office also urges supporters to continue pressure during house debates, when religious groups and others come out in force.

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# Same sex spouses turned away

VANCOUVER (CUP)—For three years Christine Morrissey has been fighting to sponsor her partner as a landed immigrant. She cannot even apply because her lover is a woman.

Morrissey's partner of 14 years, Bridget Coll, is a naturalized American citizen who has been in Canada for two and a half years on a work visa that expires April 21.

**"You fall in love with someone who is not Canadian and Canada says to you drop your lover or leave the country."**

Rather than be separated from her partner, Morrissey decided to try to sponsor Coll as a landed immigrant, but her application last November was denied.

Laura Chapman, director general of Policy and Program Development for Employment and Immigration Canada, said "They can't apply under the act because they are lesbians. In this particular case, the act is explicit."

Al Theissen, a regional manager for the immigration ministry, said immigrant sponsorship is limited to spouses (of the opposite sex and joined in marriage), unmarried sons or daughters, relatives 60 years or over who cannot be gainfully employed in their own country, fiances planning to be married within 90 days of arrival in Canada and adopted children.

Morrissey's lawyer Rob Hughes said heterosexuals can at least apply to sponsor their partners.

"There are other criteria to be met of course, but if you are gay or lesbian you don't even have that opportunity to make that application. There is not even a doorway to step through," Hughes said.

Morrisey said the policy highlights the fact that lesbians and gay men are invisible in society.

"Our society does not recognize us and we don't fit into the categories that have been defined. These structures and categories affect us in very intimate and real ways in our lives," she said.

Morrissey has decided to challenge those categories and immigration policies under section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights. Although section 15 of the charter does not specify sexual orientation as a ground of prohibited discrimination, the federal government maintains it is implied. By pursuing this challenge she hopes to sponsor Coll under the family class as there is no class for "life companions."

"If necessary we'll ask them to create a separate class for same-sex couples," said Morrisey.

**"We are not claiming any special rights for same-sex couples, but asking for the same consideration from the immigration department."**

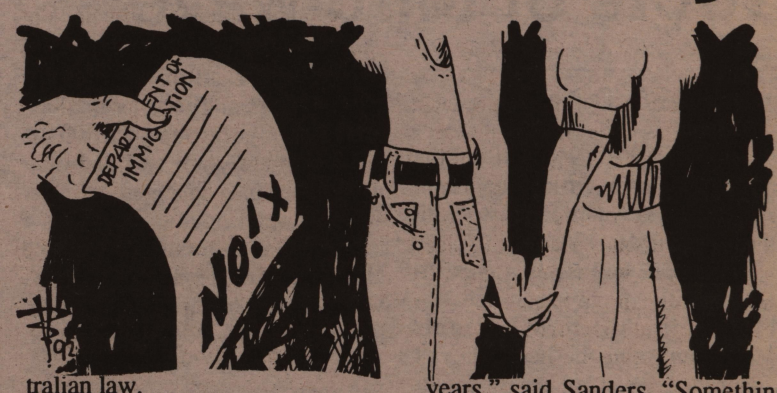
"I feel as a Canadian I ought to have the same rights as any other Canadian to sponsor the person with whom I have chosen to share my life," she said. "We are not claiming any special rights for same-sex couples, but asking for the same consideration from the immigration department to be able to live in Canada with the life companion of our choice."

Doug Sanders, a professor of law at the University of British Columbia, agrees the policy is discriminatory.

"You fall in love with someone who is not a Canadian and Canada says to you drop your lover or leave the country," he said. "Heterosexual marriage is treated as a basic right and gay and lesbians are not given that right," said Sanders, who is also co-chair of the Lesbian and Gay Task Force on Immigration (LGTFI).

The task force was organized in December as a lobbying and support group for lesbians and gay men who have lovers outside the country — as well as those here who would like to apply to stay in Canada.

A similar group was formed in Australia in 1984, and successfully lobbied for changes to Australian law.




Sanders said LGTFI wants a system equal to the one for straights, in which heterosexuals can sponsor a partner but marriage is required and a financial guarantee, and status is given without a waiting period.

"Canadian law does not permit same sex couples to marry, so we are quite prepared to accept some alternate criteria such as deferring immigration status two or three years," said Sanders, "Something like this would verify the stability of the relationship."

The federal department of justice is currently reviewing the Canadian Human Rights Act and sexual orientation is one of the issues under consideration.

Coll has applied to stay in Canada until their challenge is resolved. Hughes said he expects their case won't be heard for at least a year. ❑

# Statement puts frat in fire

**by Wynne Hartviksen**

TORONTO (CUP) — A University of Toronto committee has filed a complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission against a fraternity for allegedly barring gay members.

The complaint, filed Feb. 4 by the Committee on Homophobia, accuses Phi Kappa of breaking the Ontario Human Rights Code, which makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Peter Raynes, a member of the Committee on Homophobia, said his organization went to the commission after the fraternity refused to deny a member's statements that the fraternity disallows gay members.

"A member of their fraternity, who represented himself as a spokesperson, iterated a policy against gay men," Raynes said. "Since the chapter hasn't rescinded the statement, it stands as public policy. It speaks for them because they haven't come forward."

On Jan. 31, 1991, a member of Phi Kappa Sigma told a representative of the committee that any member of the frat who came out as a gay man would be "kicked out of the residence the next minute". He further stated this was the policy of the frat.

But Phi Kappa Sigma members insist they have apologized for the incident and made their policy of non-discrimination clear. Fraternity president Chris Morino sent out a letter on Jan. 31 of this year outlining frat's constitution and stated the frat "does not discriminate in any form".

"The letter states where we stand. We don't discriminate and that's all," said Morino. "We are not homophobic."

The letter was sent to the Student's Administrative Council, members of the campus media and David Neelands, vice-president of student affairs, but not to the committee. Neither the letter or the frat's constitution specifically address discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"I haven't heard from the frat nor from SAC," said Piet Defraeye, the committee secretary. "In fact, the SAC president has been particularly negligent in confronting the issue. Peter Guo has been humming and hawing and puffing and pawing but no action.

"We only want SAC to make the fraternity confront the issue in a satisfactory way."

Defraeye added the committee had sought legal advice before filing the complaint and had been advised they had solid grounds for the action.

But Morino is confident the fraternity won't have a problem.

"We have to have done something to be taken to the Ontario Human Rights Commission and as a fraternity we haven't done anything." ❑

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# Stalled thoughts weak

by Derek McNaughton

To flush away an attitude takes more than 20 minutes in the can.

There is no argument against gay sex, but the debate still continues. Some of the debate takes place on private, yet public, slates of bathroom walls; and some of it takes place among pals.

Radical differences exist between the two.

Many washroom walls on campus are scribbled with messages to and from the gay community, most of them crudely attacking homosexuals in a simple-minded, contemptuous way. In this private sphere, the authors get away with it.

But secretly exclaiming that someone is a "flaming bum fucker" on an lavatory wall is simply name calling, and won't crush anyone, said Stan Persky, media analyst and philosophy instructor at Capilano College.

"In the last 20 years gays have insisted that there is nothing wrong with [homosexuality]. There is nothing wrong with it morally, and no one can make a good logical argument against it," he said.

Yet the attacks continue.

"Let's face it: putting your penis into some guy's bum is very very strange. There is not a procreation instinct at work. Some thing [sic] went wrong somewhere," is penned in the Clearihue building.

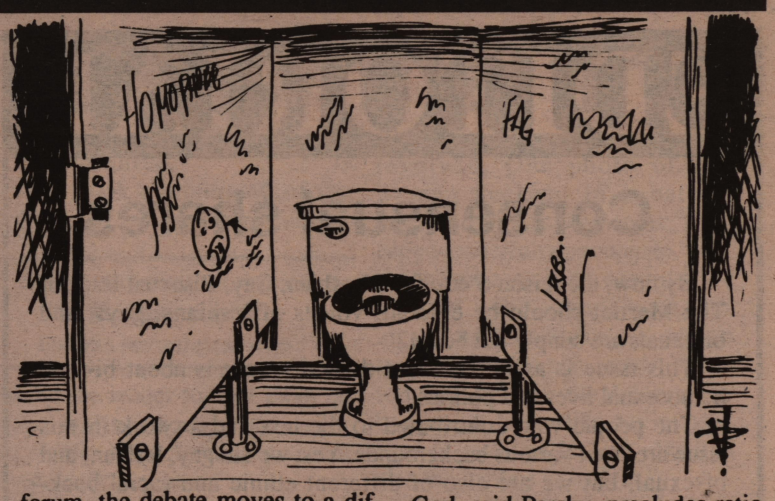
Queers are also referred to as perverted fruitcakes and flimsy apologies for men.

An equivalent amount of commentary defends gay sexuality and politics.

"I think it's high time we target all these spineless homophobes who are too gutless to speak out in public, and drive a nail through one of their testicles," one person wrote.

Another piece states, "Why is most homophobic trash written on bathroom walls? Because homophobes are too scared to state their views in front of real, live people."

When gay sexuality is discussed in a person-to-person




forum, the debate moves to a different level. It becomes more rational, and more suppressed. The talk starts to reflect thought, stippled with ignorance.

Opponents to gays, lesbians and bisexuals will usually say homosexuality is unnatural because procreation is not involved, said Persky.

"Natural means anything that occurs in nature," he said. If natural means that sex must lead to procreation, "then what about heterosexual blowjobs?"

When the 'natural' defence falls down, people will consistently back off until they say, " 'well gee, it just doesn't fit like a wrench and socket'," he said, "but then I give them the testimony."

After that, critics of homosexuality, if they don't panic in the course of a discussion, will begin to make statements like, "God says it's not right"; talking about God, said Persky, precludes rational argument.

The opposing views of homosexual behaviour indicate people and society are indeed changing, but that homophobia is far-reaching and persistent.

"I write about it in The Vancouver Sun and the editors don't even flinch. My concern is about the teenager frightened by the fact he thinks he is gay," but is afraid to tell anyone, he said.

For a male in this position, homophobia is especially threatening. "It's not simply an issue of sexual pleasure, but a question about his manhood," said Persky.

Talk is good when talk ain't cheap. If the debate continues, some will learn that queer sexuality is about freedom and preference. But some will continue to scribe anti-gay messages while crouched in bathroom stalls. ❑

# No queer volunteers

by Josey Vogels

MONTREAL (CUP)—Sisters and brothers can be big, but they can't be queer.

One of the written selection criteria of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Montreal is that volunteers be "free of homosexuality." The organization provides adult friends for children from single parent families or unstable homes.

"It's atrocious. I always thought Big Brothers had an unset bias, but this is totally blatant," said Jason Boyd, coordinator of Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia University.

Boyd found out about the Big Brother and Sisters policy through an anonymous letter sent to the LGFC office by a woman who wanted to be a big sister. The woman changed her mind after she read the clause in the list of criteria for volunteers.

But Daniel Peloquin, director at Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Montreal, insisted the policy is in the best interests of children.

"We encourage the volunteers to integrate the kids into their home life, to meet their family and I don't see how this is proper with someone who has chosen this sexual orientation," he said. "It's not personal. I have friends who are homosexual."

Peloquin said the policy is fully endorsed by all Big Brother and Sister agencies across Canada and has been in place since the organization started up 25 years ago.

Georgette Bouhdana, a senior case worker at Big Brothers and Sisters, said the policy is necessary for the organization's own protection.

"If the child becomes homosexual [as a result of being sponsored by a gay or lesbian adult] there may be a one per cent possibility that child will not accept [their homosexuality] and turn around and sue us," said Bouhdana. "This happened in the U.S."

But Pat Freed, a lesbian activist and director of the faculty personnel office at Concordia, said that argument is ridiculous and homophobic.

"What happens if a gay or lesbian child becomes heterosexual [if matched with a heterosexual adult]?" asked Freed.

Freed noted that the 10 per cent of children being helped who are gay or lesbian could use a role model who is "an out homosexual."

Boyd said lesbians and gay men have experienced the same problem in the United States with Boy and Girl Scouts. The Boy Scouts do not allow homosexuality but the Girl Scouts have removed this policy.

"We're making progress in some areas but we're still fighting the child molester image," Boyd said. "They seem to equate homosexuality with child abuse."

Studies have shown over 90 per cent of child abuse is perpetrated by heterosexual men.

But Boyd said LGFC will definitely plan action against the policy through letter writing and demonstrations.

"I can't believe it hasn't been brought up before." ❑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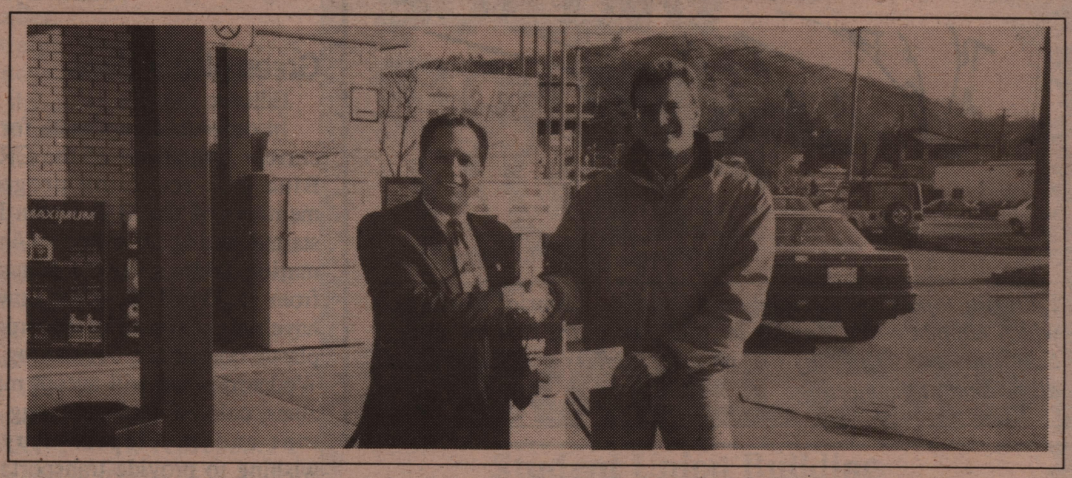

**Congratulations to Chris Haley, a 4th year student at UVic and Camosun College. This ambitious, young Business major and his fiancée Nancy Nielsen, will be whisked away to sunny, hot Mazatlan for Spring Break, compliments of Trenise Hunter, Gordon Miller and Mike Fric of Petro-Canada. Chris accumulated the grand total of 3,759 points over the four month contest, which started Oct. 1, 1991, (600 points over his nearest rival). Chris' secrect: he filled up the tanks of all his friends, family and neighbour's cars. At one point, Chris gassed up nine vehicles in one day!**

Also congratulations are in order for the three fifty dollar gas winners that were drawn during the contest, Sara Tutton, J. Hamilton, and R. Breller.

To everyone who participated in the contest a big thank you, and we are looking forward to doing something again next fall.

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# EDITORIAL

## Consensual shares

By now, the raison d'etre for a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issue of The Martlet should be evident: voices of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals are simply not heard.

This issue is as much about diversity as it is about bi- and homosexual lives and politics.

The people who contributed to the text and artwork in this issue are from various backgrounds. Yes, we are gay, lesbian, and bisexual, but we are also of different ethnic and racial backgrounds, and some of us are even heterosexual.

Regardless of orientation, race, gender or belief we came to consensus decisions on some very difficult issues — such as putting together this week's cover.

Overt and covert sexism in artwork and copy, internalized homophobia, and self-censorship were some of the issues under which many of us labour in a repressive social and political climate.

In asssembling the articles for this week, the division between lesbian and gay ways of seeing the world reasserted itself. Yes, sure, everybody's different, but the same internal divisions exist within the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities as exist outside.

Men, including gay men, are often blind (wilfully or otherwise) to women's need for space they can call their own, or to issues of safety.

Homosexuals often end up ostracizing bisexuals in a way eerily reminiscent of the mainstream's treatment of gays and lesbians. The war-like divisions drawn between gays and straights have relegated bisexuals to the position of traitor.

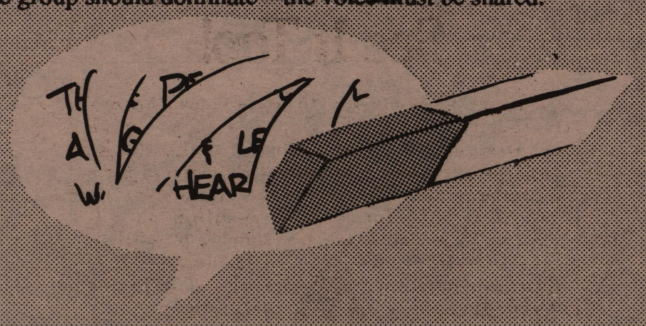
These problems stem from our never ending need to group people into rigid categories. This accentuates differences and ignores the strength to be gained from them.

Despite incredible differences, the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities have galvanized themselves around the issue of sexuality.

LGB's fighting the tyranny of the majority voice must establish the trust needed to work together. The inclusion of all voices is essential to the ideal of consensus building.

We can learn to do this on a universal level. Perhaps our experience in developing this week's paper and of the LGB community in general, can serve as models.

Differences can be transcended without erasing them. No single group should dominate—the voice must be shared.



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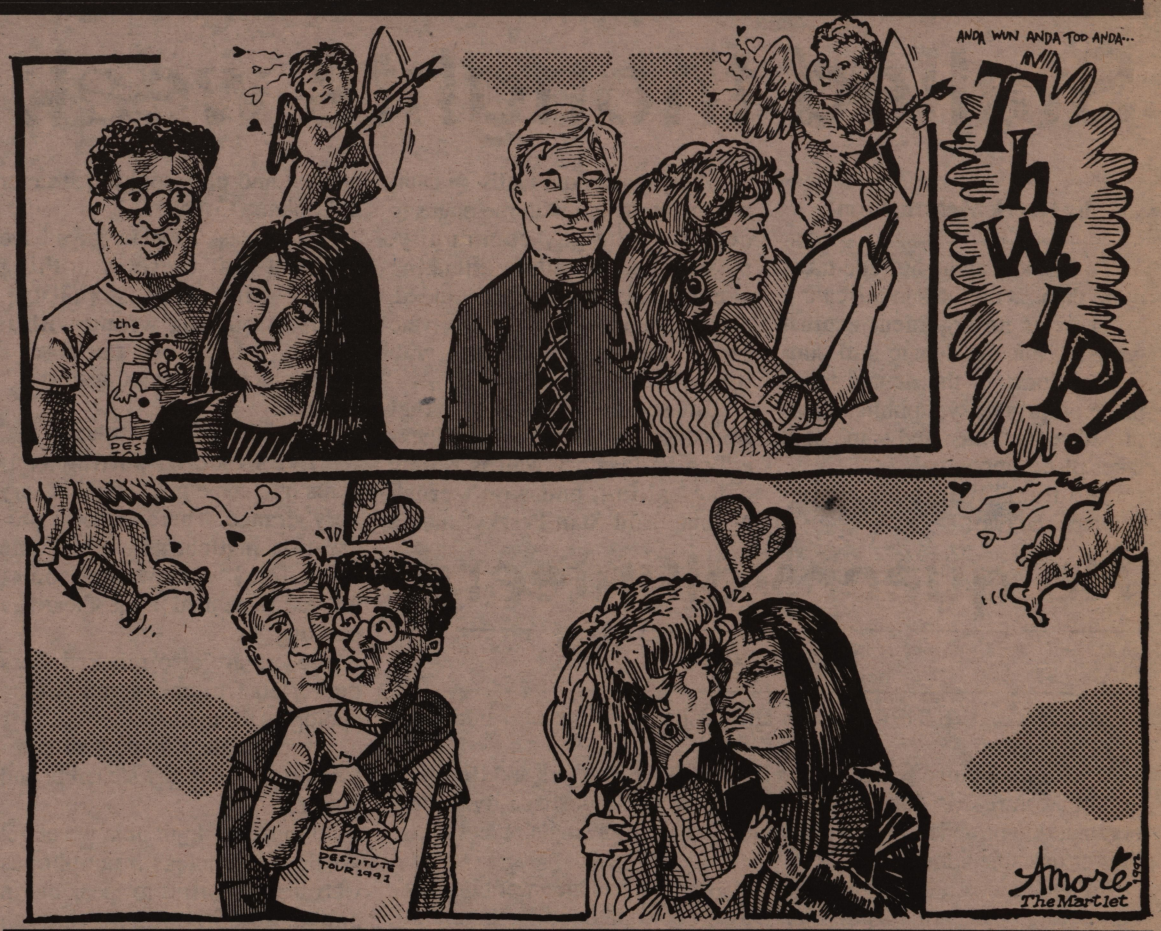


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### Rockheights reunion

Editors:

Rockheights Elementary School in Esquimalt will be having its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1992. Rockheights is one of Victoria's newest public schools! The celebrations will culminate with a "Return to Rockheights" weekend on May 7th and 8th. Our students will be studying twenty-five years of school, local and world history during the coming months. I welcome people to contact us at 384-7125 and we would love to catalogue, (on loan), any memorabilia that ex-students or staff may wish to share.

Ian R. MacLean
Principal

### One in every pew

Editors:

This is Saint Valentine's Day and I have chosen to write about love – not the stuff of cut-out cards and lace but the flame before which I tremble lest my paper heart be consumed. An unspeakably powerful force which calls each person to declare, "I am here, I have a story, I am not nothing" and in so doing change the world. To love is to want wholeness for each other and to love is our common vocation, regardless of age, orientation, culture, etc. Love demands our every encounter be charged with passion and justice, that we treat all that is as sacred. We must then, end the oppression which we are a party to, both where we oppress and where we are oppressed.

What does this have to do with bisexual, gay and lesbian Christians? – two things. Firstly, we who must love "out of bounds" are free to learn what love can be outside of patriarchal structures and cultural norms. When "wife" and "husband" are impossible or unacceptable, "partner" might be the bravest of all – an encounter of mutuality. Making love is not only what a man and a woman do in bed lying down. We can shout down the myth that sex equals genital contact and proclaim that all aspects of our lives are suffused with eroticism (with love) – eating, dancing and knitting are sexual acts, too!

Secondly, because of who we love (not who we don't love), Christian homosexuals and bisexuals have been the subject of both blatant and covert injustice in virtually all organisations which claim/try to follow the teachings of Jesus. If we choose to remain in these churches then love of our neighbour requires that we inform them of our existence and our oppression and teach them that we, like they, are children of the One who's name is Love.

Laurel Dykstra

### Green plan widens

Editors:

In order to compensate for the current limitations of the CRD's Blue Box recycling program, members of the SUB Green Plan started setting up collection/information tables every Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:30. Until now we have only accepted cardboard and plastic containers, but starting this Wednesday we will accept magazines, colored cardboard, egg cartons and envelopes. Anyone wishing to provide transportation or volunteer time with the SUB Green Plan Recycling Task Force (or other Green Plan projects such as the St. Patrick's Day Bike Rally) can talk to Kelly Greenwell, Dayna Christ, or Tom McReynolds at 721-8368. Our goal is to set up a recycling table in the University Centre in addition to the one now in the SUB, so we look forward to working with interested volunteers. Anyone needing cardboard boxes or plastic containers for reuse is welcome to come by the recycling table and anyone needing more information regarding local recycling programs should come by and talk with SUB Green Plan members Wednesdays at the SUB from 11:30 to 12:30 or call the CRD Recycling Hotline at 360-3030

Kelly Greenwell
UVSS Director

### A problem of translation

Editors:

While rummaging through a Salvation Army bin, I stumbled onto a thick, old and charming, early 50's L.P. called "Rumba Festival". One song, 'El Chembere' (Chaim-BAY-ray: about voodoo and love!) immediately set me dancing, but I didn't know what the title meant, and the dust-jacket and song itself offered no help. I consulted my Spanish dictionaries and glossaries, but this word simply hadn't yet joined the council of lexicons. Undaunted, I began questioning my amigos, but absolutely no Hispanic recognized this word, until I bumped into Julio Cabrera.

Born and raised in Mexico, and the son of a jazz pianist, Julio emigrated to Canada in the mid '80s, and is well known in the Vancouver - Victoria area as a disc jockey, band leader, an expert guitarist and an accomplished singer. Cabrera also has a reputation for being "voracious in his quest for understanding and producing the complex, diverse, rhythmic underpinnings of Latin music," and "has mastered over forty different rhythms from the most folkloric to the bossa nova." With gentle prodding, Julio will, with scintillating latin fire, offer up "an impressive display of scholarship and technical musicology." And so, I put my question to Julio Cabrera.

"First of all, it's not Chem-BEre," said Julio, "but Chémbere." (CHAIM-bay-ray: the album cover had omitted the accent) "In English, Chémbere means . . . Scooby-Dooby-do."

Michael Nozinski

### Special issue given an affirmative

Editors:

I am glad to see there is some "affirmative action" being taken to explore issues faced by people who are gay, lesbian or bisexual. I am concerned that some students (eg: Shannon Peever) seem to feel threatened by this initiative. I would like to address this issue in a global way. When any group in society is given special attention, be they women, people with disabilities, Native people or people who are gay, it is usually because the mainstream society does not give enough attention to these groups in regular activities. If there was a regular article on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues there would not be a need for a special issue, but I doubt that. Whenever a minority group in society (whether in numbers or in power) tries to assert its rights, its issues and its views, the majority seems to feel threatened. As a member of the majority, you may not want your "Valentine's Day dedicated to the lifestyles of these people" but consider how members of minority groups feel when everyday in every part of life they are faced with the "majority rules" issues and views. The concept of "affirmative action" implies that special attention to an under-represented group can hardly affect the domination of the majority. I wonder if people who are "able-bodied" would complain if the entire issue on November 11th was dedicated to people with disabilities, if "men" would feel upset if the December 6th issue focussed on women, or if an issue was dedicated to Native student issues. Until all these topics are addressed thoroughly and consistently within mainstream society there will be a need for education, outreach and opportunity. I hope you never experience the humiliation and pain people who are in minority status feel, but if you ever do, I think you will finally be able to whine in the typical activist manner "discrimination" and know that it is true.

Tanis Doe

### Heed these Strong words

Editors:

I recently observed a meeting of the UVic Board of Directors where I learned of difficulties surrounding the planned SUB expansion. UVic students are entitled to a spacious and comfortable place to meet, study, and enjoy themselves. The UVic administration, namely Dr. Strong, had previously agreed to match funds raised by the UVSS for the new building, and promised to allow students to decide where those dollars would be spent. They also promised to pay for ground work and landscaping. As discussion and plans for the new building

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The Martlet

*Quote o' the week:*

***"If you removed all of the homosexuals and homosexual influence from what is generally regarded as American Culture, you would pretty much be left with 'Let's make a Deal'"***

***Fran Lebowitz***

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continues, the UVSS finds it necessary to remind Dr. Strong of his promises. The administration appears more concerned with its own agenda than that of its students. Since students haven't got a democratic voice in administrative decisions affecting their campus, we are somewhat powerless to make ourselves heard. I write this letter to bring this issue to the attention of the people such decisions will ultimately affect, and to encourage the administration to heed promises made to the student elected BoD. We've placed trust in these people to deal effectively with student issues, and it is frustrating when their efforts are thwarted by unkept promises.

Janine Ede

## Time, gentlefolk, time

Editors:

What does "open 8:30 - 4:30" mean to you? To Health Services, it means that unless it's an emergency, they are effectively closed at 4:00. At Felicita's, "12:00pm - 2:00am" means you are rudely ushered out the door at 1:30. At the MacPherson Library, the closing time of 9:00 is actually a closing time of 8:45. At the McKinnon pool, swimming from 3:30 - 6:00 really means the swim team invades the pool at 5:30.

If the sign on the door at Safeway says the closing time is midnight, you can walk in at 11:55pm and still buy a litre of milk; if Pharmasave is open until 9:00pm, you can still buy a box of Trojans at 10 to. When I pay my $2.25 at Oak Bay for a swim, they let me stay in the pool right until 1:00am, their posted closing time.

This means my $40.00 athletics and recreation fee and my $93.00 UVSS fee is so safely guaranteed to the above listed UVic "services" that they feel they can close at their convenience. Call me crazy, but can't we, as paying students, expect services on campus to either inform us of their "real" hours or stick to their posted ones?

It just makes sense.

Gregory J. Clark
Daniel Mark McLennan
Kim Robidoux

## Reclamation by the Queer nation

Editors:

The polemics of "true love and romance" aside, Shannon Peever's letter articulates the omnipresence of hatred and fear directed towards those who have sex with others of the same sex.

It is absurd that the hegemonic abundance of heterosexist information circulating at this university should be considered threatened now that other voices may be heard through the vehicle of *the Martlet* but once a year; on Feb. 14.

Those playing the power-by-numbers game realize that 'majority rules' provides for 'minority oppressed'. We're here in numbers Shannon Peever, and had you and your ilk not been so selfish demarcating the territory of the spoken you would have heard us coming. We're here in numbers Shannon Peever and while you were celebrating your mother's days and father's days and various other days of procreation we seized your day of "true love" and reclaimed the territory denied us by your weight. We're here in numbers Shannon Peever, and we're Queer, Queer, Queer.

Move over and get used to it.

Christopher Lefler

## Christianity by random sample

Editors:

We, Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, did an informal survey on what people believe about God and Christianity. Here are some of the results.

The sample population was approximately 400 students living in residence. The majority were 19-22 in age with a 2-1 ratio of female to male students.

In regards to familiar teachers, Jesus Christ was the most familiar with 86% for females and 76.9% for males. The rest were more familiar with Buddha, Mohammed, Marx or some other teachers.

In regards to practicing a religion, 54% of females said yes and 46% said no; there was a 50-50 split in the male population.

When questioned about the existence of God, 65% of the females said yes He existed, 25% said no and 10% were undecided; on the other hand, 62% of the males said yes He existed, 30% said no and 8% were undecided.

When questioned who Jesus Christ was, the most popular answer was the Son of God followed by; I don't know, the Saviour, and a good teacher.

What they thought on how to become a Christian: beliefs surrounding God/Jesus Christ, followed by accepting of and committing to Jesus Christ, born into it, and involving faith in Jesus Christ.

When asked the question, "if God offered you a personal relationship with Himself would you consider this valuable?" an overwhelming majority considered this valuable.

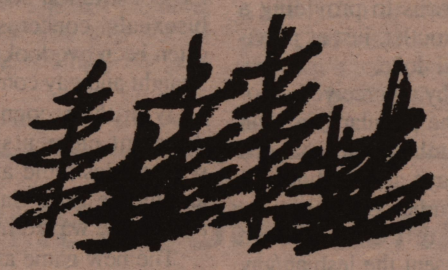
James W. Calkins

## You know who you are

Editors:

Something at the last Senate meeting not only surprised but disturbed me. George Pringle added a motion in other business which read "That the chair of the Senate write a letter to the Minister of Education indicating the Senate's support of a tuition freeze for the three B.C. Universities providing that the Provincial Government compensates the Universities for the lost revenue." The motion seemed sensible enough considering the recent campaign promises of our government and the upcoming budget. Question was called and out of some fifty senators TWO voted for this motion: George Pringle and myself. The faculty votes did not surprise me but the student senators did. There were FIVE student senators at that meeting who did not vote for this motion. Considering the political beliefs of some of these people I feel this was a stunning misrepresentation of students. Remember this at election time.

Dave Gramlich
Student Senator
Arts and Science

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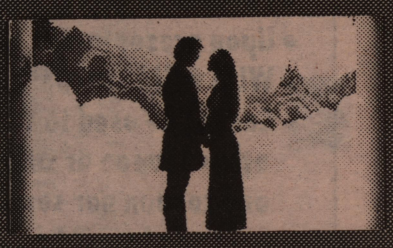

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# Campus organization changes name, direction

**by Ian Robertson**

Lesbian and gay organizations on the UVic campus have historically proved themselves more tenacious than visibly active.

Although many students may not have noticed, a gay or lesbian group has existed, in some form, since the mid to late 70s, usually serving a primarily social function.

In 1987, campus gay and lesbian groups organized a series of conferences in cooperation with the off-campus Island Gay Society, but political activism or even the promotion of lesbian/gay visibility was not a priority.

The present organization traces its origins to the formation of the Lambda Club in 1989.

Originally intended as the precursor to a possible gay fraternity (hence "lambda"), the group soon changed its focus to providing a general social outlet, just as previous groups had done.

Frustrated by a perceived association with the popular Brazilian dance, the Lambda club changed its name to Gays and Lesbians of UVic in September 1991.

Members felt they should begin to represent the lesbian/gay community more visibly, and began promoting lesbian/gay rights on campus and providing a more diverse social agenda. Previously, the only regular event was a weekly coffeehouse.

Lack of permanent space on campus, combined with the group's status as a club, proved a severe hindrance to the accomplishment of these goals.

Members felt a club for juggling or ballroom dancing was fine, but said being queer is a full-time thing, not a sometime hobby.

In order to act effectively as advocates of the campus lesbian/gay community, members felt a different designation was necessary, and suggested a "centre" status akin to the Women's Centre—with appropriate funding and a permanent, accessible space.

The group has set the achievement of this status as one of its long term goals, and has drawn up a detailed constitution this year to establish the group's formal tenets and structure.

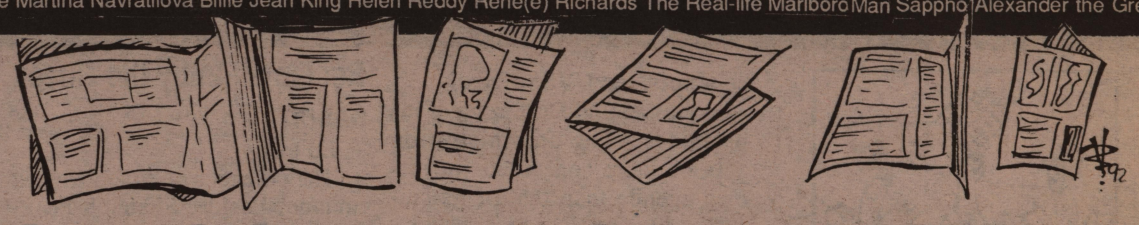
The diversity of the lesbian and gay community was a main focus of the constitution.

Apart from the often divergent concerns of gay men and lesbians, the constitution seeks to address bisexuals' concerns, which have often been overlooked by both the straight and gay communities.

With the recognition of these different elements a new name seemed desirable and necessary, and the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance was formed.

The new name and a new logo for the group will debut this Friday, Pink Triangle Day.

February 14 has also been declared Gay Jeans Day, and LGBA has launched a poster campaign to ask students, faculty and staff to wear jeans in support of lesbian, gay, and bisexual rights. ❑



# Lesbian prof sounds off

**by Brian Young**

Debby Gregory is a sessional lecturer in the Uvic women's studies department. She co-founded Victoria's only lesbian-focussed periodical, *LesbiaNews* and was its editor for several years. We spoke to her recently about Victoria's lesbian community, her place in that community, and the relationship men — especially gay men — have with lesbian women.

MARTLET: Could you, by way of entry, tell us how *LesbiaNews* got its start?

DEBBY GREGORY: Well, it was started in 1989 because there was nothing. There was no publishing organ for a lesbian voice [in Victoria].

MT: Has *LesbiaNews* seen a lot of growth since its inception?

DG: Right now, we have a circulation of about a hundred so it hasn't really grown. What's interesting is that whenever there's a [women's] dance, anywhere between 200 and 300 women show up, so the magazine is clearly not being subscribed to.

MT: So, who reads *LesbiaNews* at this point?

DG: Our subscribers are often women who are just coming out, or women who are living in isolated places . . . It's more of a community newsletter.

MT: If subscribership to *LesbiaNews* isn't a reflection of the number of lesbians in this community, then where is everyone — where is the lesbian community in Victoria?

DG: Well, I think the lesbian community here is quite nebulous, and a lot of women don't go to mixed [gay and lesbian] functions. The coffeehouses have a limited appeal, and there's the noise of the dances. There's [Rumours] which has unofficial women's nights but it just isn't a woman's space. There simply aren't any structures outside of the women's studies department where lesbians can get together and discuss things.

MT: What would fill that gap?

DG: Well, I'm not sure that enough women want something to fill that gap. People come here to retire, whether they're 30 or 80 . . . If they wanted that, they'd go to Toronto, or Vancouver. People here are preoccupied with their private lives, and that used to frustrate me, until I realized that it was me who was out of step to a certain extent.

MT: How 'out' are you in your classes?

DG: I try to be out in all my classes. Even though I get really tired of politicizing my sexuality, I think it is important to serve as a role model and show people that they are surrounded by lesbians all the time.

I think it's important for lesbians to take that chance and be more 'out' just to combat that invisibility . . . Given that there are straight men and women who are with men in my classes, I try to present my sexuality in such a way that they don't feel defensive about it.

MT: Why do you think there is a split along gender lines between gay men and lesbians?

DG: That's a complex issue . . . but, partly it's because gay men are still men, and still have a privileged access to speech and organizing. Partly, many of us don't feel we have much to gain from being in a mixed group because we already have strong social networks, and places like Everywoman's Books. Some of it is also that we'd rather give our energies to other women — you know, the separatist strand.

In a way, too, I'm very critical of the gay male community for not having structures other than 'The Bar' — I mean where are your bookstores, guys? Finally, a lot of gay men have not been there for us politically in the past.

MT: Is that to say that there is no room for a stronger rapport or alliance?

DG: Not at all. In some of the stuff that's going through the legal system, like fights for same-sex spousal benefits, or child custody we could really benefit from working together because things are really starting to happen now. We should work together on these issues, but most of the women I interact with have little interest interacting socially with men.

MT: What do you think about a lesbian and gay centre for Victoria?

DG: That's an interesting idea, but there's still a necessity for times when it'll be a women-only space . . . I still feel that there are male-female power dimensions that don't disappear simply because we're lesbians and gay men. For me, maintaining a degree of separatism is still important, yet I'm aware that lesbian women younger than me don't feel that way.

MT: What kind of criticisms, if any, do you have for the lesbian community?

DG: Well, I find that quite a few lesbians want to get 'married' and be just like straight suburban housewives. It's like they're saying "Whatever the hets can do, we can do, too." Which is true, but why bother? I can't see any point in being a lesbian when you're just going to do the same stuff that those guys do.

MT: So, do you think that it's part of the lesbian agenda to create models that are more dynamic than the heterosexual paradigm?

DG: Tthat's part of the lesbian/feminist/political agenda. After all, there are zillions of women out there who are perfectly content leading straight lives without any sense of irony. I wish that these women would see how they are under-cutting themselves by not being political. Finally, I think that straight women have a lot to benefit from lesbian/feminist theory because it's about women as women.

MT: Do straight men have a lot to gain as well?

DG: Actually, it's ironical that I have more contact with men through women's studies than I do in any other area of my life. What that's done is made me realize that men aren't as hopeless as I might have thought and that there is a point in making feminist theory available to men which I wouldn't have seen before, because I didn't think that they could do anything that was useful with it.

MT: I guess we need to get past that 'Iron John' stuff.

DG: Oh, please! Don't get me started on that!

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# Written words tell what voice cannot

**by David McMullen**

In a corner of my home I keep a man who has AIDS.

He is my best friend, but some days doesn't know who I am. The doctor tells him he has only months to live; his mind will be gone long before his body quits.

**My gay peers know little of what my life consists of. They see a young man with harsh lines etched in his face.**

This is what makes things hard.

The other day I came home from classes to find him putting books in the oven. He told me they were evil, and God wouldn't allow him into Heaven until he burned them.

When he was healthy, my friend was of a religion that taught of a kind, non-judgemental God. Nearing death, some evil tyrant is threatening his eternity and he's scared. I really don't know how to help.

We met when I was 16 and he was 19, both living in Red Deer and involved with the theatre. In those days he was so effeminate I was embarrassed to be near him, but I was new to town, and he knew all the handsome men, so I overcame my shyness and had him introduce me around.

We became friends, never lovers, yet somehow in our mixed up world of topsy turvy sexuality, our relationship took a turn inexplicable to someone outside our culture.

We moved to Victoria together in the summer of 1986. I wasn't yet 17 but had been estranged from my family for over a year and needed to leave Red Deer behind. He chose to join me; leaving his job at a meat packing plant, we loaded up a U-Haul and headed west.

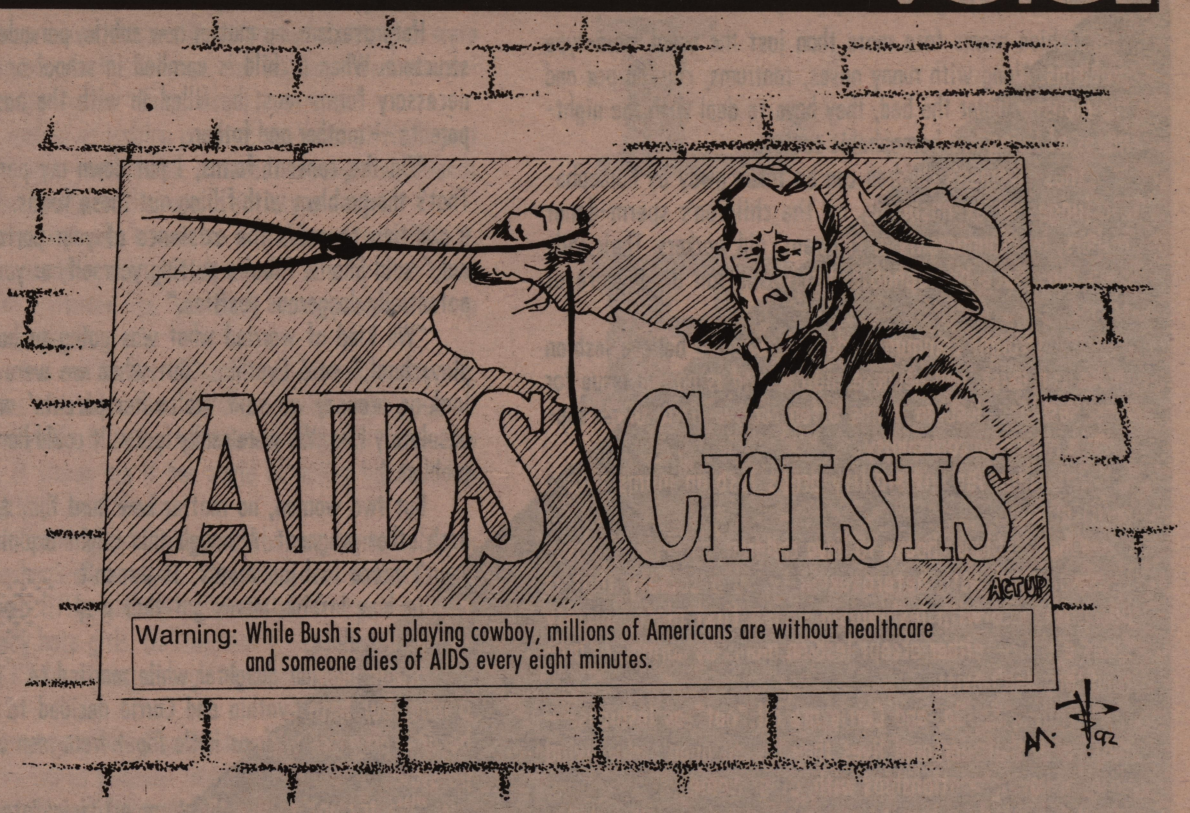
I got food poisoning on the trip out, but he made sure we got to our destination and I got to a hospital, all without complaint.

We lived our lives together for

**When he joined weird religions I nagged and criticized and he just smiled and loved me anyway.**

a number of years in Victoria. I watched his romances come and go; he watched mine. Our friendship, however, stayed the same.

Sure, we fought; when he got involved with drugs I yelled and screamed and shattered hash pipes just to prove my point, and when he joined weird religions I nagged and criticized and he just smiled and loved me anyway.




Then I moved to Vancouver to live in a gay ghetto. I had fun and I had sin and I had the best time of my life, but it was hard. My friend followed me to Vancouver, where his life fell apart: within weeks of his arrival he tested positive for HIV and it shattered him.

Without telling me, he ran away and joined a circus, where he read Tarot cards and palms.

The police phoned to tell me they had found a body. I was terrified, and wondered if this was truly happening. The body turned out to be someone else's, but the incident impressed upon me how I would feel without this man.

He was there for me as I fought very hard these past years against cancer. When I was admitted to hospital again and then again he was there. Then there was the endless counselling he gave me on my relationships and life choices.

We've moved back to Victoria, and my friend has only weeks. I bathe him and cook for him, and I am the only one who wants to hold him when he sleeps. I feel isolated from the rest of the world because of who I am and what I keep in the corner of my home.

My gay peers know little of what my life consists of. They see me as a young man with harsh lines etched in his face.

I'm sorry I've never explained who I am to so many people, but to do so entails telling the story of my friend. At this stage of his life and mine, I am too weak and I hurt too much. I must rely on these words to tell people the story my voice cannot articulate.❑

# Don't be afraid of an open door

**by Eric**

*"I went there uncertainly, for it was foreign ground . . . I went full of curiosity and the faint, unrecognised apprehension that here, at last, I should find that . . . door in the wall, which others, I knew, had found before me, which opened on an enclosed and enchanted garden, which was somewhere not over-looked by any window."*

I often think of these words from Evelyn Waugh's Brideshead Revisited when I recall to myself or recount to others the difficulty in walking through that door or "crossing the threshhold."

It had been a difficult decision to make but one I am glad I made.

The decision was reached after much soul searching. I had been aware for some time I felt different, that something was missing from my heterosexual involvements.

I chose to ignore and suppress it, yet that nagging feeling would not keep away. With no one to turn to I sought information from books.

Ultimately, I came to acknowledge and accept that I was gay. Still, I knew no one who was gay.

When I came to this university it was a relief to find a lesbian, gay and bisexual organization on campus.

It was not an easy task to approach them. In spite of all my reading I still had to deal with internalized negative societal attitudes toward homosexuality.

On the evenings of their weekly meetings I sat in the University Centre cafeteria drinking coffee, trying to summon the courage to walk through the door. This went on for weeks.

Once I decided I had to do it. But, as I approached the room, it was all I could do to just walk by the door a couple of times.

A few more weeks passed.

Eventually, curiosity got the better of me. I wanted so much to meet others like myself. One evening, weary of feeling isolated, I challenged myself to go. Braving all my anxiety, apprehensions, and fear, I stepped through the door.

**I had been aware for some time I felt different, that something was missing from my heterosexual involvements.**

I was terrified, but walked in and sat down. A fellow approached and introduced himself to me. We started to talk. What a relief to have someone to talk to! I had so many questions. What a relief to meet others like myself.

Since that evening I have returned to the meetings every week. My fears and anxieties diminished as I learned I had not been alone in overcoming a fear of walking through that door.

Anyone feeling a need to seek us out should drop in. We are there to lend you a hand, to answer your questions, and to help you meet others like yourself.

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# by Alisa G

*"Some people look at you and don't even consider you're a lesbian if you're pregnant." – Cynthia, Chloe's mom.*

Lesbian moms face more than just the usual mom-type problems. Along with runny noses, tantrums, chicken pox and the monster under the bed, they have to deal with the nightmares of living in a homophobic society.

These women's children can be taken away by homophobic judges or ex-husbands, by the children's sperm-donor fathers, by grandparents or childrens' aid workers. Their children may face homophobic discrimination at daycare or school.

The straight community doesn't want to believe lesbian moms can exist, and because motherhood is not an issue for most lesbians, lesbian moms often receive little or no support in their own community.

This imposed invisibility drops lesbian moms into a political gap.

When lesbians choose to have children, an activity closely associated with heterosexuality, in a society that is uncomfortable with lesbianism in the first place, society faces a choice: either accept lesbian moms as normal, or pretend they don't exist.

Cynthia, Sheila, and Carrie are all "out" as lesbians — that is, in their personal lives they are all open about living with, or having relationships with, other women.

Being a lesbian has its own implications, and this choice affects how these women are accepted by friends and family, in the workplace, and in society at large.

Because of the risk of losing jobs, homes, and friends, some lesbians choose not to reveal the nature of their relationships. For this reason, some names in this article have been changed, and surnames have not been given.

"There's still a lot of strong societal attitudes — that lesbians are not real women. That real women want to have babies and stay home and take care of their men," said Sheila.

But society is rapidly changing, and the stereotypical nuclear family, with a working dad and a mom who stays home with the kids, doesn't resemble the majority of families.

Statistics indicate two of three marriages will end in divorce. More and more single women are choosing to have children on their own.

Along with biologically related parents and children, definitions of family now commonly include step-parents and half-siblings, one-parent families, and families with adopted or foster children. Society is also beginning to accept a definition of family including two dads, or two moms.

"It's bad enough for single women, single moms," said Sheila, "but for a lesbian who's out as a mom . . . when you've got a kid, you feel protective. You're responsible for your kid as well as yourself."

Pregnancy in itself may not be a political statement, but in both the lesbian and straight communities, lesbian moms stand out.

"By just living our lives and just being regular people, we make a statement just by doing that . . . it's a less radical politics. The politics of living life," said Carrie, adding that although she is not completely "out" at work, she doesn't hide her lesbianism in her day to day life. When her son was first born, she and her partner appeared on CBC television as part of a program on alternative families.

"I try to be out in that way. I try to let people know we're doing it, we're out here," she said.

However, Cynthia said, "I'm not super-politicized. I'm just doing my thing. When I got pregnant, I didn't feel like it was a big political stand."

The lesbian community in Victoria is generally "not that supportive," said Carrie. "They're living their own lives, and that doesn't include kids. That creates a problem for me — because of the age of the children, my life is very kid-centred right now."

Once, at a gay bar, Cynthia was talking to a woman who asked why she hadn't seen her there before. Cynthia explained she was usually at home with her daughter. "She got pretty freaked out," she said.

Being different from any majority is always difficult, but when one half of your life is seen as the polar opposite of the other, there is the additional complication of living two identities at the same time.

"The hard part is the invisibility . . . I'm out at work with some people and not with others. It's hard being in a relationship and not having it validated," said Carrie.

Heterosexism, no matter how subtle, pervades this social structure. When a child is enrolled in school or daycare, the necessary forms must be filled in with the names of both parents — mother and father.

"On the consent forms, I put down my partner's name. That's the problem with filling out these forms. You're put in a position to erase the existence of your partner, or come out," said Sheila. "You're putting yourself, or your child, in a potentially dangerous position."

"We kind of worried what was going to happen at the playschool," said Cynthia. "But when we were first there, looking around, we said 'we're her parents' and that was absolutely fine. We were really lucky...It could have been a big problem."

But two women, no matter how hard they try, can't get each other pregnant. Although this might explain why there aren't more lesbian moms, it doesn't explain how lesbian moms got that way in the first place.

Sheila had her daughter while married to a man, but both Cynthia and Carrie decided to become pregnant with as little input from men as possible.

"We try not to use the term *artificial insemination* because it's not artificial," said Carrie, who became pregnant in 1985 through what she calls *alternative fertilization.*

She and her partner had both decided they wanted children, and eventually both were inseminated by the same donor. Their children, Joshua and Meghan, are related through their anonymous father.

Becoming pregnant by anonymous donor involves not only the sometimes extensive search for an appropriate and safe donor, but also the logistics of maintaining anonymity.

"We're talking turkey baster," laughed Cynthia.

Initially, Cynthia and her partner tried asking gay male friends to donate their sperm, but "it didn't feel right."

They then tried an alternative used easily by many straight women — going to a doctor specializing in donor insemination.

"He was extremely homophobic. He threw me out of his office when he found out I was a lesbian," Cynthia said.

Cynthia and her partner decided to go elsewhere for sperm. A friend of a friend became the anonymous donor, and Cynthia got pregnant the first try.

But with semen comes problems. The possibility of getting AIDS from an anonymous donor is just as real as getting AIDS from someone you know.

**"The hard part is the invisibility ...that I don't get to tell my whole story ...It's hard being in a relationship and not having it validated." —Carrie, Joshua's mom, and Meghan's other mom.**

When Carrie tried to become pregnant in 1984, little was known about how the disease was transmitted.

"We were aware of it. In 1984, what we did was set up a questionnaire [for potential donors]," she said.

Carrie and her partner screened the donors for personality traits and lifestyles. At the time, AIDS researchers had mainly found the HIV virus in gay men. "We asked about same-sex partners," she said. "The donor we chose didn't smoke, didn't drink . . . we felt he was a pretty safe bet."

If she were to become pregnant by donor again, Carrie said she "would probably ask the donor to be tested, even though that's not 100 per cent sure."

Cynthia, too, had a lot of concerns about AIDS when she became pregnant three years ago. "I've never been tested, and I decided not to be," she said. The anonymous donor tested negative.

Doctors now recommend anyone considering anonymous insemination by donor should insist on freezing the sperm after the man has tested negative for HIV. Only if he tests negative again six months later should his semen be used.

The medical establishment, which only a few decades ago regarded homosexuality as a mental illness, can still be a difficult place for lesbians to identify themselves.

Outdated ideas about families, both in the minds of individual doctors and in hospital policies, puts unnecessary stress on lesbians who are pregnant or trying to become so.

"When I was pregnant and going for ultrasound, they wouldn't let Dawn in, but they would let a father in. That made me really angry. The hospital said it was their rule. That was it, no exceptions," said Cynthia.

However, she said "once I was in the hospital, they were more open. They were really good, and accepted Dawn as the other parent."

When Chloe was born, medical curiousity must have got the better of doctors and interns. "It said on my file I was artificially inseminated. The interns would come around all eager to ask me questions," said Cynthia. "Even my specialist ...was fascinated by the whole process."

For lesbian mothers, donor anonymity has its advantages, and even its necessities.

A donor who knows the identity of the child he fathered can sue for custody. Although he probably would not be granted custody immediately, the present court system offers him a good chance if he pursues it.

Cynthia's lawyer told her she "believes there isn't a hope in hell you could lose custody to an anonymous father."

Cynthia used to be concerned about losing custody of her daughter, but doesn't think about it much anymore. "I don't have the father's name on the birth certificate. I honestly don't know his name. I got protected as well as I could."

For women with children from previous marriages, however, the question of custody is much more tenuous.

Sheila left her five-year marriage when her daughter was a year and a half old. Although her case never made it into court, her lesbianism could have affected its outcome.

"The classic one [the judges] use is the excuse that the child is going to be put through hell. They say 'society is homophobic, so we'll be homophobic in court and not allow custody'," she said.

"It all depends on the judge you get and the mood he, because it's usually a he, is in — whether he is homophobic.

"My ex-husband was banking on the idea that I'd deny any involvement with women . . . a lot of lawyers I talked to said it's not legal to use the fact of a mother being a lesbian to deny custody," she said.

Sheila decided to be completely open about her sexual preference, which invalidated her ex-husband's only evidence against her.

"I said, 'yes I'm involved with this woman, now let's talk about whether I'm a good parent'."

When co-parenting lesbian relationships end, the issue of custody is also a concern — only there are no provisions made in the courts to allow the non-biological parent the same rights given a heterosexual father or mother.

"That's one of the potential problems with lesbian parenting. It's never easy to go through a separation or a divorce, but at least [heterosexuals] have the courts. Our society does not recognize the non-biological parent as a parent. In the end, the kid gets hurt the most," said Sheila.

When Sheila recently separated from her partner, her daughter was at first very upset. "Now she's used to the idea more," she said.

"Things are still raw. I'm trying to maintain contact between those two, anyway . . . there's a bond between [them] that has nothing to do with me."

Although Carrie and her partner are no longer living

# LESBIAN MOMS

## "We're talking turkey-baster."

together, they still co-parent Joshua and Meghan. Joshua spends two nights a week with Meghan and her mom, and Meghan spends two nights a week with Joshua and Carrie. This allows the kids to maintain their relationship as brother and sister, and gives both parents a few nights off.

Because the courts make no provisions for lesbian parents, lesbian parents must make provisions for themselves. Ensuring that the non-biological mother has a say over what happens to the child means the couple must make legal arrangements.

As Chloe's biological mother, Cynthia's position is clear, but not so for Dawn.

"Dawn is Chloe's legal guardian, and she has power of attorney," said Cynthia. This means Dawn can make decisions for Chloe, should anything happen to her or Cynthia. But there are no court rules guaranteeing Dawn's right to see Chloe should the couple separate.

"It's scary. I could leave and cut off any visitation to Dawn. But we've done everything possible to make Dawn a

legal guardian," Cynthia said. "On the other hand, she's been the breadwinner, and [should the relationship end] I couldn't have any financial support, either."

Homophobia in the feminist movement means the concerns of lesbians are often ignored or pushed aside in favour of issues concerning a wider range of women. Therefore lesbians, and lesbian mothers, must often create their own lobby groups.

From 1976 to 1987, a volunteer network called the Lesbian Mothers' Defense Fund offered information, peer counselling, and some financial aid to lesbians involved in custody disputes. When the group ran out of fire and funding, lesbian moms lost access to a valuable resource.

In denying custody to lesbian moms, the courts display the same homophobic attitudes they claim to want to protect the children from.

Being completely open about their relationships and sexuality, however, allows lesbian moms to ease confusion or homophobia in their children's lives right from the start.

"When she was much younger, she thought everybody lived like we did. [Now] she talks about not having her dad around," said Sheila.

About a year ago, Niamh made up a word to call Sheila's partner. "She calls her Ooma. She said it's a special name because she's a special person."

"Chloe automatically started calling me 'mommy' and my partner 'mama'. I don't know if she knows what a daddy is. She's never asked about it, but she's still quite young," said Cynthia.

Sheila's sister, and most of her friends, are also lesbians.

"At home and in her family, her situation is not unusual," she said. But at school, Niamh is exposed to different attitudes.

"She'll have problems with it. I'm sure she will. She's not always going to be surrounded by lesbians," said Sheila.

Inside the home, an alternative lifestyle is just the normal way of living life. Finding a school or daycare with a supportive environment, or at least one that won't negate a child's experience at home, can be a challenge.

The first thing Sheila asked when she placed Niamh in her current daycare was whether it encouraged gender-specific role playing. In the previous daycare Niamh attended, the girls were encouraged to play in the kitchen, and the boys were encouraged to play with blocks. "That's why I moved her."

For the children of lesbian parents, the most difficult part can be dealing with homophobic attitudes among their friends and classmates, in the media, and in society at large.

"Hopefully that won't ever be a problem," said Sheila. "Hopefully our world is changing slowly. But already she's coming home with attitudes like 'you don't marry people who are the same sex as you'."

On television and in the books Niamh is read at daycare, representations of lesbian families are virtually nonexistent.

"Her family life is being invalidated, and that scares me for her sake. It scares me if her world is telling her that her life doesn't exist," said Sheila.

Carrie said she hasn't seen any obvious homophobia in Joshua's classes yet. "One thing I do notice is how much little girls are discriminated against. Boys already hate girls. [Homophobia] may be yet to come. I hope I'll be strong enough to deal with his anger and his pain."

Cynthia recommended *Heather has Two Mommies*, a children's book by Leslea Newman which presents lesbian parenting in a casual, honest light. "It's really good. I've given it to our families to read to their kids, but so far they haven't."

Some families find it difficult to accept a daughter's lesbianism. For them, accepting a grandchild without a son-in-law is even more confusing. A family's animosity toward a daughter's sexuality can affect the way her child is treated, often with unhappy results.

"My father never talks about my relationship with my partner at all — he knows perfectly well what's going on," said Cynthia. "When I told him I was pregnant, he was delighted — then a while later, he asked how I did it."

Cynthia said her partner's family has never really accepted Chloe as a grandchild. "We go there for Christmas, and all the other kids are being showered with gifts, and Chloe's just standing there. That's going to get harder. They don't really see her as being Dawn's child."

To make up for a lack of support from their immediate families, lesbians often form a 'chosen family', a network of friends who support and understand each other.

"One thing we're trying to do is keep a balance of people in our lives," said Cynthia. Chloe spends time with a family with four kids, and with her parents' gay male friends as well as with lesbians.

Joshua and Meghan "are definitely exposed to my lifestyle. They go to the women's coffeehouses, and I take them to women's events," said Carrie.

"I don't want her to narrow her family down to her mother only," said Sheila, adding she would like to meet other lesbian moms with young kids, both for her and her daughter's sake.

Being exposed to various lifestyles and relationship options gives the kids a chance to decide what their own preferences are — an opportunity which combats homophobia by presenting gay or lesbian relationships as perfectly normal choices.

When Niamh, Chloe, Joshua and Meghan get older, their parents hope they'll be able to stand up for themselves whatever their own choices and preferences may be.

"I just hope for her she'll find a partner who'd treat her with respect and be good to her," said Sheila.

**"She comes home from school and tells me girls can't marry girls, you have to marry boys."**
**—Sheila, Niamh's mom**

"It's all about understanding that you have a choice. How can I deny her the choice to have a boyfriend if I'm out here yelling about my right to be with women?"

"I just want to encourage him to be with whoever he feels comfortable with. What gender doesn't really matter to me. I hope I'll be able to stress that," said Carrie.

"One thing I hope to instill in her is the idea that if you think something is right, you should do it. You should be honest with yourself," added Sheila.

By being open and honest about their own lives, Sheila, Carrie and Cynthia teach their children that their lives are perfectly normal and acceptable — an attitude that deserves to grow up with these kids.

Joshua and Meghan are already asking Carrie why they don't have a dad. "Usually I just say 'that's right, you don't have a dad. You have two moms — aren't you lucky?'"

*Special thanks to Sheila for her paper on lesbian mothers and custody disputes in the Canadian courts.*

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# Brain study goes both ways

by Eric Grace

The difference between gay and straight men might be as simple as a cluster of brain cells, according to much-publicized research by Simon leVay, a neurobiologist at the Salk Institute in San Diego.

leVay's findings are only the latest in a long line of attempts to find physical differences between homosexual and heterosexual men.

These claims follow a medical research practice of linking homosexuality with feeble minds and weak nerves. All such findings have been thoroughly discredited by later research.

leVay's contentious report appears to follow the same tradition.

LeVay's published work was based on autopsies carried out on the brains of 19 gay men, 16 heterosexual men, and six women. He focussed on a cluster of cells no bigger than a grain of sand, found in a part of the brain called the hypothalamus.

The hypothalamus controls many things, including hormone secretions, body temperature, and several metabolic processes. leVay reported the cell clusters in gay men's brains were the same size as those in women, and less than half the size of those in heterosexual men.

These results have raised questions regarding sample selection and labelling of brain donors.

As well, the research does not show that a small cell cluster in the brain causes homosexuality in men. It is equally possible that homosexual behaviour results in brain changes.

On the heels of the gay brain discovery came a report on gay genes. The December 1991 issue of *Archives of General Psychiatry* published the results of a study comparing the sexual preferences of 167 gay men with those of their brothers.

The researchers surveyed 56 pairs of identical twins, 54 pairs of fraternal twins, and 57 pairs of adoptive brothers with no common genetic heritage.

One brother in each pair identified himself as gay. Of the second brothers, 52 per cent of the identical twins were also gay, while only 22 per cent of fraternal twins and 11 per cent of adoptive brothers were homosexual.

"Our research shows that male sexual orientation is substantially genetic," the researchers concluded, yet with 52 per cent of identical twins having similar sexual orientation, it could also be concluded the chances of orientation being genetically determined is 50 per cent.

Other research on twins has shown results can change dramatically if study participants undergo different recruitment procedures, or when interview questions about sexual preferences are phrased differently.

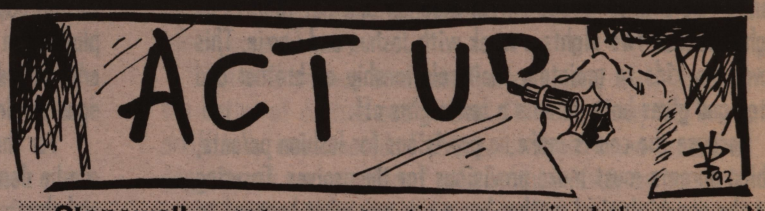
The research is held as questionable, as it assumes defined heterosexual and homosexual categories. It also implies that homosexuality is a defect.

Consider the results of a survey of U.S. physicians, published in the November 1991 Journal of the American Medical Association.

Among 1,121 general practitioners who responded to a survey of doctors' attitudes towards people with the HIV virus, 35 per cent said they "feel nervous" around gay people, and agreed with the statement "homosexuality is a threat to our basic social institutions".

This widespread prejudice casts doubt on the objectivity and reliability of much medical research concerning gay people.

Perhaps we could have a study to find out what exactly makes those physicians so nervous.❑




**Stonewall** *cont'd from page 3*

avowedly straight, HIV positive basketball media darling to admit not enough has been done in the fight against AIDS.

In two terms in office Reagan mentioned the 'A' word once, while a community was being gutted by a preventable epidemic.

The experience of Stonewall has taught queers equal rights don't come easy: it takes more than letters to your MP to initiate change. Sometimes it takes a nastier push — blocking traffic, or holding die-ins or kiss-ins — to bend the ears of the powerful.

Direct-action groups like AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power and Queer Nation were born in this spirit. ACT-UP is a radical offshoot of Gay Men's Health Crisis, the first organized attempt to address the epidemic.

GMHC's mandate was to speed up the drug trial bureaucracy which prevents people with HIV/AIDS from getting drug treatments that hold some promise, where otherwise there is none.

ACT-UP's political tactics and bold SILENCE=DEATH graphic spawned a new genre of gay male costuming with its obligatory Doc Martens, crew-cut hair and bandanna. But ACT-UPism has inspired more than a look: it has ushered in what *The Advocate*, America's leading lesbian and gay news magazine, calls the 'third wave' in queer activism — a rejection of the passivity and complacency of the 80s.

Eventually an ACT-UP faction recognized they weren't fighting medical bureaucracy so much as encountering a resistance based on good ol' fashioned homophobia.

Queer Nation then emerged from ACT-UP and, like its parent group, premised that simply being polite, and following the 'proper channels' to gain full equality was futile: rights are not given, they are taken.

Groups like Queer Nation are the Stonewall queens of the 90s, and gays and lesbians who criticize their tactics will end up their beneficiaries.

These groups have defused the ugly sound of the word 'queer' and turned it back on those who persecute lesbians and gays, removing the power of the names to hurt the gay community.

The stalling and scapegoating the AIDS Crisis brought has taught queers that, in the words of the President Bush, they must 'go the extra mile' to ensure homophobia is eradicated everywhere, not just in the gay ghettos of urban centres.

Gay men and lesbians must be as out with our sexuality as possible to show how large and diverse a population exists.

An air-conditioned closet will not do: in order for queer people to gain acceptance their private lives must now be public.

Someday that won't be anyone's business but the individual's. Until then, negative perceptions of gay sexuality exclude the gay community from its birthright of equality.❑

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# Gay lit selling big

**by Chris Peters**

Gay literature is often hard to find in local bookstores, but some bookstores are willing and able to supply the public with lesbian, gay, and bisexual material.

"We are one of the few bookstores that have a lesbian/gay section," said Angie Sorrell of Everywoman's Books, a collectively owned and run bookstore.

The market for gay literature is a growing one. More people are buying lesbian, gay and/or bisexual material and more bookstores are bringing gay literature to their shelves.

"The demand for [lesbian, gay, and bisexual literature] is big. It makes up 30 per cent of our sales," said Sorrell.

"We carry lesbian fiction, lesbian mysteries, lesbian newspapers, and we have a special section on lesbian biographies. We are also probably the only bookstore that is also a resource center for the gay community," said Hannah Lin of Everywoman's Books. "Lesbian fiction is the most popular, there are some really good lesbian fiction writers out there. I think in any field fiction is most popular," said Lin.

The necessity of supplying the gay community with gay literature is a concern of many bookstore owners and their staff.

"I believe that it's important to carry literature for all sectors of society. We are a general bookstore, and we don't have everything, but we try to provide the public with what they want," said Doug Koch, a clerk at Munro's Books.

"We don't have a specific lesbian, gay, or bisexual section, but we carry all sorts of books and will order anything and everything at people's requests," said Koch.

Not all bookstores think demand for queer literature is large and don't supply it, including such as big names as Coles.

"I don't think we carry any gay literature and I've never be asked about it when I've been working. The demand isn't that big. It's not Coles' policy, but I don't think we carry [gay literature]", said a clerk at Coles, who asked not to be identified.

Other bookstores carry books dealing with different outlooks and perspectives on the gay community.

"We carry books that show the church's perspective on homosexuality and various sexualities," said Judith Ravi of Koinonia Christian Books.

"We have a well-rounded selection of books. The demand for gay literature isn't at the top of the scale [here], but some people do ask for it."❑

# Look again for Baldwin's works

**by R. Gray**

*"People invent categories in order to feel safe. White people invented black people to give white people identity . . . straight cats invent faggots so they can sleep with them without becoming faggots themselves."*

- James Baldwin

After a lifetime fighting the constraints of stereotypes and labels, James Baldwin would probably shudder to know he has been categorized as a gay, Black, American writer.

Of his six novels, Giovanni's Room has probably received the least attention, and yet the themes he explores in this novel are still relevant today.

Upon publication in 1956, it was criticized as a badly disguised autobiography, and for having too narrow a theme.

But Baldwin's colour and homosexuality gave him a unique perspective on masculinity; the real issue was people's perception that Giovanni's Room was too homosexual.

The central character in Giovanni's Room is a young, white, American male who has gone to Paris to 'find' himself.

What he is really trying to find is proof of his innocence — ultimately, proof of his heterosexuality, an identity he no longer has.

He wants to recover this identity to dispel and deny his homosexual drives — an unsurprising internalized homophobia, considering the prevalent attitudes of the time.

The book is painful in placing a finger on the pressure points of victims of repressive concepts of feminity and masculinity.

Baldwin does not hesitate to point out unpleasant realities facing gay men, but offers solutions for the thwarted love story he presents.

In Paris, David casually flirts with the gay world simply to prove to himself that he doesn't belong. Ironically, he meets Giovanni, an Italian bartender, and falls in love.

**"You can make your time together anything but dirty."**

David and Giovanni's love fails because David is too afraid to give himself over to the love of a man — too afraid to live his life the way he wanted to.

Jacques, another character in the novel, urges David to be strong and to stop living his life within boundaries imposed by society.

His voice becomes one with Baldwin's when he says "you can make your time together anything but dirty . . . if you will not be ashamed it you will only not play it safe."

Through their love for each other, the two have a chance to abandon narrow, heterosexual philosophies, and to start a new life free from self-imposed exile.

In another scene David uses an American woman to assert his heterosexuality.

He says, "Her lips parted and she put her glass down with extraordinary clumsiness and lay against me. It was a gesture of great despair and I knew that she was giving herself, not to me, but to that lover who would never come."

Baldwin once said, "I know something about the American masculinity which most men of my generation do not know because they have not been menaced by it in the way that I have been."

Baldwin was born on August 2, 1924 in Harlem Hospital, New York City and died on Dec. 1, 1987 at the age of 63.

He published 22 books, adding a collection of short stories, two plays, an assortment of essays, a children's book, a movie scenario, and a book of poems to his novels.❑


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# Gay-festive film featured

by Brian Young

Given the dominance of mainstream values, films dealing with oppressed groups like people of colour and homosexuals rarely make it to production, let alone the big screen.

This spring, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance of UVic began working with Cinecenta in an attempt to redress at least part of the problem.

***Young Soul Rebels, Kawawshima Yoshika,* and *Tongues Untied* are 3 films with an LGB perspective to watch out for. Festival runs Feb. 2 - March 5 at Cinecenta and the Roxy.**

LGBA approached Cinecenta in the fall, concerned about the lack of 'gay-positive' film programming in the student-run theatre. Homosexuality or bisexuality are often featured, but in many cases, like The Last Boy Scout and Beverly Hills Cop, the portrayals are derogatory or blatantly homophobic.

Novels with homosexual themes often fare poorly in translation to the big screen. The Colour Purple, for example, has a lesbian central character, but as Mike Gower of Cinecenta points out, "What comes out in the end is this Steven Spielberg-like film that ignores the whole question of sexuality."

On a studio level all this is changing. "The Majors [like Columbia, 20th Century Fox] have a lot less control of the market now," Gower observes, "and almost any film now with lesbian or gay content is either not American, or is produced by smaller independant companies."

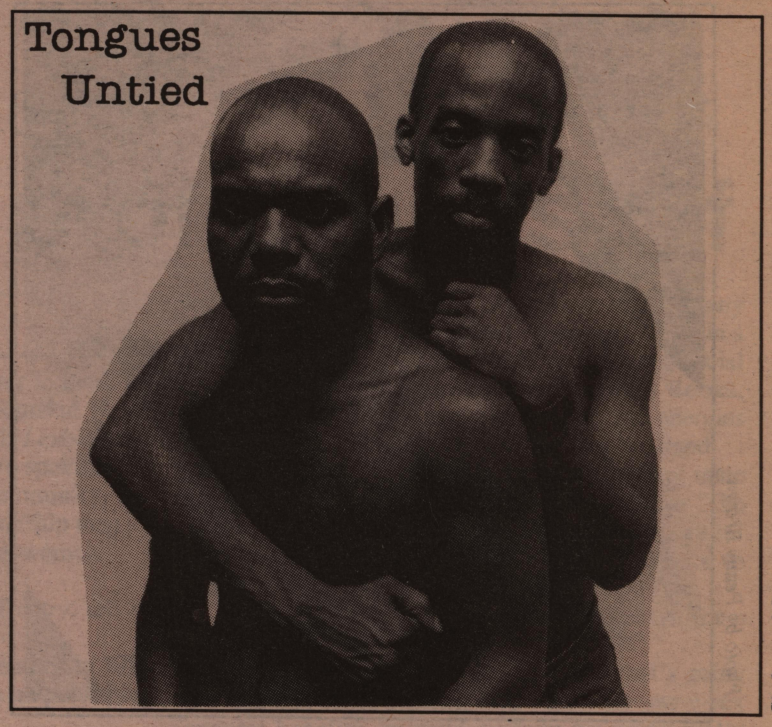
The importance of representing other groups than the white heterosexual mainstream is clear.

"Our culture is made up of different people from different backgrounds ... . and quite frankly, films that come from outside Hollywood are generally much more interesting," said Gower.

As a university cinema, Gower said, it is part of Cinecenta's mandate to represent groups like gays, lesbians and bisexuals in their programming.

"This is a university, and people should be becoming aware of other ways of living while they're here. Festivals are really important to raise public awareness on an issue, but sometimes it becomes a form of tokenism. But, like any other issue . . . people won't pay attention to LGB-content films unless they're packaged into a showcase," he said.

While the upcoming Victoria International Film Festival is certainly not a showcase for LGB-content films only, the efforts of concerned individuals is raising homosexual visibility as an issue in programming.❑




*Sight and Sound*

# Waves rock the air

by Paige Raymond

"Out on the Waves" isn't just an invitation to put sails to the wind — it is also the voice of lesbians, gays, and bisexuals every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. on CFUV.

The half hour show has varied content, ranging from queer musicians, interviews with people in the gay community, and historical profiles of famous homosexuals.

Host Ian Robertson wants more students and non-students involved, as "Waves" is trying to reach the larger lesbian, gay and bisexual audience off campus.

Robertson also hopes "we can get more lesbians involved in the other shows during the month. We need more female voices."

The first Tuesday of every month is a lesbian-only show. Alison Bowe, the show's founder, said she wanted to say lesbian on air as many times as possible just to hear it — an empowering introduction.

The lesbian show is now hosted by Nora Lassovitch. Lassovitch has entered the spotlight from behind the scenes; she used to be Bowe's technical assistant.

Finding music is the hardest part. Lassovitch has to send away for lesbian music because "it's not like you can walk into a record store and buy it."

Right now she mostly plays music from her own collection, but welcomes any additions to it, as she wants to bring local contemporary lesbian music to the airwaves.❑

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# Postcards on the edge: Draw the line

**by Theresa Newhouse**

***Drawing the Line*. Kiss and Tell Collective. Press Gang Publishers, Vancouver.**

Is the image of two women kissing arousing? Is the picture of one woman with her fist inside another's vagina discomfitting? Where do you draw the line?

*Drawing the Line*, a book from a photography exhibit of lesbian sex, begins with a challenge, and an invitation to explore feelings about lesbian sexual imagery.

Hundreds of women answered this question directly on the walls of the interactive photo event.

The exhibit was the project of the Kiss & Tell collective, composed of photographer Susan Stewart and models Persimmon Blackbridge and Lizard Jones.

The use of the same two models throughout was a specific choice of the collective. The introduction to the book explains the question of debate was not to be what size, shape, or colour of woman is most attractive, but rather about sexual representation. The portrayal of many women would overpersonalize the images. According to the introduction, the photos "cannot represent all lesbians or all lesbian sexual practices."

Instead the show becomes a provocative look at some lesbian sexual practices and the response of women when these practices are photographed. It is also about expressing individual comfort levels.

*Drawing the Line* travelled throughout 1990 to many cities and countries. The exhibit allowed women to come in, view the photos and write their feelings on the wall. Men commented in a book. Often subsequent writers commented on previous statements.

"The walls and pages are soon overflowing with anger, humour, philosophizing and plain lust," states the collective.

The book describes the actual show, then asks the reader to become involved.

The book contains 40 of the 100 photos in a postcard format,

**The photos "cannot represent all lesbians or all lesbian sexual practices."**

asking the reader to "put them on your walls, change the order according to preference and tear up the ones you hate."

On the back of each postcard are two or three comments drawn from a variety of women of many opinions.

The photos are increasingly controversial in content as the book progresses. The last postcard is addressed to the collective with a request for interaction from the reader.

Near the beginning the photos are simple images of love and caring, joyous in their validation of lust, with women sharing the power of gentle touch.

Responses included "You know, I've played pretty heavy before and enjoyed it, but I'm finding that the softer and more suggestive ones like this one are more of a turn-on", and "This is about love and I love it!"

Having challenged the viewer with the question of the existence of same sex love, the show begins to explore the expression of lesbian desire.

The photos are often so vibrant that many viewers wanted to be involved. One photo of two women necking in a bath is described by one woman as "foolishly wonderfully passionate."

The photos also capture the depth of lesbian cunnilingus, fisting, and masturbation. A woman in San Francisco said, "This touches me the most intensely because it looks like my experience of real live lesbian sex. It is also the hardest to look at."

Pictures near the end include bondage and the suggestion of violence, and were often most controversial.

A wide difference of opinion is expressed whether domination and sado-masochism are turn-ons.

One of the most troubling images showed two women making love in the casual view of a male. "Surely real lesbians wouldn't allow a man in the room to watch. I question the validity of this as an example of lesbian love," said a woman in Melbourne, but a woman in Toronto said this represented some of her fantasies.

The book's format captures wonderfully the essence of the photo exhibit. In suggesting that the reader think about the photos and respond to the collective, it encourages thought about each individual's sexual fantasies and fears.

The book allows you to decide where you would need to draw the line.❑

# Artist bares desire

**by Alisa Gordaneer**

Desire and its articulation are personal and political issues local artist and UVic grad Christopher Lefler often explores in his experiential style of artwork.

The interplay of art and viewer are essential to the significance of Lefler's work, and the social commentary inherent in his artwork is informed by his sexual orientation.

"Inherent in my character, whether conscious or not, is the experience of being 'other', of being outside. That has probably nurtured a perspective for me to see these power struggles."

"I'm interested in looking at environments as social arrangements defined by the visual—whether they're buildings, signs, clothing, newspaper."

An example of the potential interaction of artwork and viewer which so intrigues Lefler is on the cover of this issue of *The Martlet*. The words "you see something you want, and you touch each other" are accompanied by graphics of a penis and a vagina.

Lefler said he wanted the cover artwork "to as clearly as possible identify the conditions for homophobia and its subsequent impressions, and at the same time, empower [lesbians, gay men and bisexuals.]"

"I'm looking at the newspaper as an object. It becomes a vehicle for me to interact with people of various backgrounds at the university—gay, straight, bisexual, asexual."

The major reason for homophobia is straight society's fear of homosexual sex—the major difference between gay and straight people.

Lefler addresses the gay community and the straight community in his artwork, particularly in the work he did for *The Martlet*.

"Something that was clearly only homosexual imagery or text, the straight community would have no interest in picking it up.

"By having the genitalia so singular, I was wanting it to be an entry point for all people to come to grips with the fact that this is an issue about sex and that once you recognize it's about sex, then the text accompanies the pictures," he said.

Viewer interaction occurs easily with this piece.

"Relate to the newspaper as a commodity. You see something you want and you pick it up. That's a point of interaction for everyone regardless of sex."

**"It's not shock value whatsoever. It's not erotica. It's anatomy."**

"The rest of the text is about desire and affirmation of that desire, and that's all orientations as well."

"Reading "man to man" and "womyn to womyn" lets everyone know again that kind of desire and intimacy isn't hetero-exclusive. I could use other images but I wanted to talk about areas we're so afraid of, straight or not," he said.

Lesbians and gay men are in the closet because they have desire, and are afraid of expressing that desire. An affirmation of sexual desire is necessary to accepting it as a normal feeling.

"I think this cover is to support the LGBs who are out in developing a confidence about who they are by reaffirming our desire is valid. We can touch each other on consent."

"It has more implications to those who are closeted. The text is to be a very clear voice from within the reader that says, 'yes, I do have a desire and it's okay to express that'," he said.

Homosexual desire also needs to be addressed by straight people, said Lefler.

"Straight men seeing penises and knowing other men desire to touch the penis is a blunt reality. They're going to have to come to terms with what it means for that to exist.

"All of us have desire, all of us have the desire to touch. All of us have genitals, I think. There's no need to mince words," he said.

"The issues of desire and issues of touching were outlined by feminism. They're heavily politicized actions for everyone."

Lefler's work represents a blunt vision of reality.

"We can't continue to be afraid of acknowledging our bodies," he said.

"It's not shock value whatsoever. It's not erotica. It's anatomy."❑


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# Vikes on top in West, shoot for no-loss season

**by Chris Dwyer**

The UVic's women's basketball team clinched a home court advantage and first place overall in Canada West this past weekend with two victories over the UBC Thunderbirds.

Friday's game saw UVic defeat the T-birds 78-63. Heather Bohez dropped in 18 points and collected 10 rebounds. Seniors Jenny Sutton and Tara Gallaway with 16 and 15 points respectively, also contributed to the Vikes.

UBC's high scorer was Carrie Carlsen who tallied 21 points.

Vikes' team manager Helene Hamilton said the team was slightly disappointed with their performance on Friday but head coach Kathy Shields said they had to put the win in perspective.

"We finalized and realized our goal of clinching first place in Canada West on Friday," said Shields, "which allowed us to relax and concentrate on the game on Saturday."

On Saturday, the Vikes turned the heat up and simply walked all over UBC, who were ranked second in Canada West and ninth in the country. UVic finished the game with an impressive 107-58 victory.

Sutton poured in 29 points and 6 rebounds while Gallaway had 28 points and added 8 assists. Bohez also had a strong game and pulled down 10 rebounds and Sue Tomio added 14 points.

UBC's high scorer was point guard Lisa Nickle with 23 points.

With the wins on the weekend, the Vikes kept alive their bid to go undefeated this season. Shields said a 20-0 season was not one of the team's goals at the beginning of the year.

This weekend they host the Calgary Dinosaurs. The games start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the McKinnon gym.❑

# Team swings at Gay Games

**by Tracy Nishimura**

One lesbian softball team may have begun as a casual Sunday game crew, but they may make their way all around the bases to the 1994 Gay Games in New York.

Sarah Macdonald and a friend were looking for a recreational softball team last year, but only serious competitive fast-ball teams existed. So they decided to put together their own.

The advantage this team offers is "it's O.K. to drop the ball or if you can't throw; these are things that you can learn" said Macdonald.

Although the level of ability is greatly varied, the team does not have the pressure of a competitive team and lets those with little athletic experience play.

"Women aren't made to feel uncomfortable if they screw up," said Macdonald, "all those women who were klutzes have improved over the summer."

The team presently has about 25 members ranging in age from 19 years to over 45 and drawn from just as diverse backgrounds. Some are students, others are carpenters, telephone operators, secretaries, lawyers, busdrivers, photographers and so on.

Macdonald said there is also "different degrees of closetedness" among the players. "There are some who aren't out at all except when they're with us and its good for them [to have someone] to relate to."

Macdonald said, "they're the greatest group of people. There isn't a person on the team I don't like."

The team atmosphere has allowed friendships to form and gay-positive social interaction to occur on a normal level that is difficult for women to do at a dance or bar.

Last June in Vancouver the team played their first tournament, which really prompted organization.

They didn't win any games but had a lot of fun and were declared the team with the most spirit.

Although the team has a competitive side, Macdonald stressed its primary objective is to keep it fun.

Names in this article have been changed at the request of those involved.❑

# Men give and take one

**by Chris Dwyer**

The UBC Thunderbirds were at McKinnon gym this weekend and continued their basketball rivalry with the hometown Vikes in front of more than 2,500 fans each night.

Friday night, the Vikes matched UBC basket for basket in the early stages but the T-birds eventually pulled away under the direction of point guard J.D. Jackson.

Jackson poured in 27 points and effectively guided UBC against UVic's varied defenses.

Langley was a strong performer for UVic on Friday, contributing 15 points along with Tom Johnson and Greg Meldrum, each at 14 points.

The Vikes were down by 12 at halftime but UBC opened the gap to 23 shortly after the start of the second half. UVic managed to climb back into the game but eventually fell a respectable 89-78.

Saturday was a whole different ball game. Langley stated their objective on Saturday was to focus on Jackson.

The Vikes' Cory Klassen agreed, noting, "Tommy (Johnson) did a good job on him and it didn't hurt that he came out cold." The Vikes completed their task so efficiently that even Jackson's whines towards the officials couldn't hit their mark.

The Vikes jumped out early and took the opportunities their defensive play left for them. They lead 48-44 at the half .

UVic continued to play well during the second half. They resisted a couple of UBC runs at the lead through excellent defence and consistency from the free throw line.

Klassen played an outstanding game Saturday and tallied 22 points, while Johnson finished with 19. The Vikes took the game 102-87, reaching the 100 point mark on a breakaway dunk by Chris Brinnen.

The team, in general, is optimistic about their chances of making the playoffs. They are currently 7-9 in the Canada West standings.

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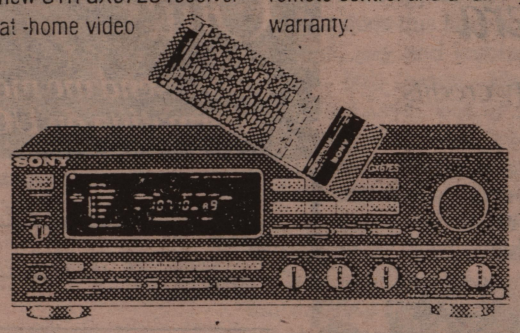

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## FEB.13 & 14

### FAIR

LOVING CAREFULLY - A Guide To Safer Sex. 9am-3:30pm in the University Centre lobby. Drop by our booths, pick up some pamphlets, watch a video and ask some questions. LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. Sponsored by Health Services.

## FEB.14

### WORKSHOP

RUSSIAN & BALKAN DANCE WORKSHOP with Thea Huijgen. Feb.14 7:30-10:30pm, Willows School; Feb.15 10-12 and 2-4:30, Glenlyon-Norfolk School. $3 per session everyone welcome. An after workshop party will be held at St. Alban's Hall, 1468 Ryan St., 8-12, $5 and please bring finger food to share. Phone 598-6888 or 595-4293 for more info.

### READING

DAPHNE MARLATT & BETSY WARLAND @ 1:30PM in the new Fine Arts Bldg., Room 103.

### LECTURE

ARE PLANTS MASTERS of thermodynamics, economics and feedback theory? Dr. Nigel Livingston, Center for Forest Biology, Dept. of Biology, UVic. 3-4pm - 146 Cunningham. Social hour: 4-5:30pm Carl Reading Room.

### MUSIC

JHO NEK BHONE. Spend Valentine's Day with Victoria's favourite pop band. Felicita's, cover TBA.

## FEB.15

### TRIBUTE

DOROTHY LIVESAY. A tribute to this poet and activist will take place at 7:30pm at the Young Auditorium, Camosun College, Lansdowne Campus. 3100 Foul Bay Rd. For info: 388-9411. Donations welcome for Everywomans Books.

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VOLUNTEER FAIR. Interested in volunteering but not quite sure what you want to do? Come to Hillside Mall. Over 30 non-profit agencies will be on hand from 9:30am-5:30pm to offer info on their services and volunteer opportunities.

## DISCUSSION

TAKE BACK THE NATION. Videos with Maude Barlow and Mel Hurtig showing discussions on free trade and building coalitions for social justice in Canada. Followed by discussion on strategies and action, etc.. Action Canada Network. 2-5pm, Multipurpose Room, Downtown Library. Info:595-7955.

# FEB.16

## PRESENTATION

IN SEARCH OF GENGHIS KHAN. Join Tim Severin in an evening of talk, audio-clips of Mongolian music and breathtaking slides of a journey that retraced the experiences of 13th-century Mongolian horsemen as they rode the Silk Road from the heart of Mongolia to France. 7:30-9pm at the University Centre Auditorium. $11, $9/seniors and students. Info: 387-5822.

# FEB.17

## PRESENTATION

GUATEMALAN REFUGEES IN MEXICO - 1:30pm in the Cinecenta, John Lydon will speak about his travels to the refugee camps and present some slides.

BEING THERE - JOURNEY THROUGH AFRICA. By Paul Fletcher. 8pm, Victoria YM-YWCA, 880 Courtney St. Admission by donation. Info: 386-7511.

# FEB.19

## PRESENTATION

LAKE BAIKAL: The Emergence of National Parks in the Russian Republic. In a slide talk, Michael Tripp, highlights his recent field trip to Lake Baikal and Moscow. Admission by donation. 7:30-9pm in the Newcombe Theatre, 675 Belleville St. Info: 387-5822.

# FEB.20

## PRESENTATION

SLUGS TO SEA LIONS: The B.C. Wildlife Watch Program. Liz Stanlake of the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks will give a slide-illustrated talk on the B.C. Wildlife Watch Program. Swan Lake Nature House, 3873 Swan Lake Rd. 8pm, $1/adults; 50cents/children. Contact: Ann Scarfe @ 479-0211.

# FEB.17-22

7TH ANNUAL SAANICH HERITAGE FAIR. Hillside Shopping Centre. This exposition is bigger than ever this year and will feature fascinating booths, displays and special events provided by 30 local heritage groups.

# FEB.21

## COFFEE HOUSE

CAFE SIMPATICO. A bi-weekly coffee house in the heart of Fernwood devoted to increasing awareness about issues in Central America. Slides and talk 8-9pm. Live entertainment 9-11pm. 1923 Fernwood. Admission: $4 or $3 student or unemployed. Info: 384-1534.

# FEB.22

## MUSIC

EVA KINDERMAN, piano, will present a Faculty recital in the Philip T. Young Recital @ 8pm. Tickets are available through the School of Music: $6/adults, $4/students, seniors.

## OPEN HOUSE

WEEK OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP. All friendly internationalists are invited to an open house celebration sponsored by the Victoria Esperanto Club. Presentation, displays, poetry, songs, conversation. 1-4pm, Multipurpose Room, Central Library, 735 Broughton St. Everyone welcome. Refreshments. Info: 474-3137 or 386-6106.

# FEB.24

## MUSIC

MARJORY PURDY, piano, will present her graduating recital to complete her Bachelor of Music Degree. Free in Philip T. Young Recital Hall at 8 pm.

CAREERS NIGHT. 7:30-9pm in the Cathedral Memorial Hall, 969 Rockland Ave. This will be an opportunity to talk to people on a one-to-one informal basis about careers. Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Team of Christ Church Cathedral.

# FEB.25

## SEMINAR

ECONOMICS OF NASTA. Professor Rick Harris, Dept. of Economics at S.F.U. 2:30pm, Cornett B344.

BIRTH ORDER & SIBLING RELATIONSHIPS. 7-9pm at Shoreline Community School. $8, 386-8367.

# FEB.29

## DANCE

BENEFIT DANCE for Black South African Legal Education. Featuring Jho Nek Bhone and Domba (an African Rhythm Band). Doors open at 7:30pm, show starts at 8:30pm at the Velox Valhallian Rugby Club, 3957 Gordon Head Rd. $6 in advance at Lyle's Place or $7 at the door.

## UPCOMING

UVIC FINE ARTS FESTIVAL will be held downtown in Market Square from Feb.26th to March 15th. Works by students in Theatre, Visual Arts, Creative Writing and History in Art will be on display. If you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours call Nancy at 383-6198.


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THE HIMALAYAS INDIA FIELD STUDY PROGRAM. July 10 - August 20, 1992. Under the direction of Dr. Sehdev Kumar, Professor, Dept. of Environment & Resource Studies, University of Waterloo. For application and other info write to: Prof. Sehdev Kumar, Director, Himalayan Field Study Program, Village II, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3G1. (519) 746-6946 or fax (519) 746-7599.

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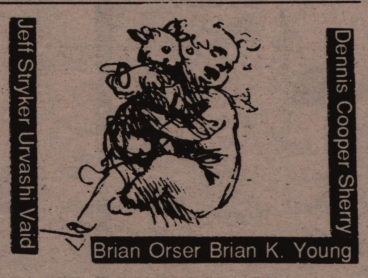



MY LITTLE OOTPIK, You fill my heart with love and laughter. Honey Muffin Chickenloaf.

Got lost in Jurassic Park and don't know if I should come back. Call me?

J.C. EXOTIC ORIENTAL MAN. Watching from Psych. 100. Wanting to twirl your tail. Meet at corner of destiny. LYSH.

SIMON B.: Hope this one's better than the last. My futon's waiting - bring the Mango oil? Love from Japan.

BEE-BAP, little sprite! French ISN'T bland. Bo-bo Balloon and Orgy fish know. Love you! Kiki...

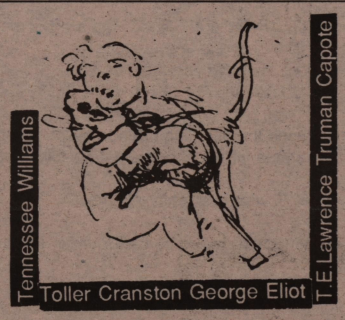
TO WENDY L. (Haig Brown): Would you be my Valentine? Happy Valentine's! Luv,K.

To the aspiring Frida, how's about meeting again (over coffee)? From Tall, Dark and Asian...

Dennis, You make my toes tingle. I love you? Love, Tammy.

Leanne, Oh please save me, save me I've fallen and I can't get up. Fritz.

Pat, I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you!!! ♥♥ Niki ♥♥♥




Roy, (alias cupcake nose, minky, cha-cha) I love you. Yours until I like hoochie sounds L.L.

Burke's Astron120. Guy who drives Probe? Works at Eddie Bauer. Happy Valentine's. Like to meet you. DJ.

PUMPKIN LIPS. Valentines sucks! But I still love you! Word to the Third, THE LITTLE MAN.

POOKY, hope you bought me a big box of chocolates!! I love you lots (Do I still get to live in the bachelor suite?) HP.

Yes! You can have the bachelor suite, but you gotta clean my tub. -Pooky.

JT, You are the sweetness and the light. I love you! DB.

Happy V. Day to my hunka hunka burnin' love machine. Wow! I thought love was much softer than that. What a most disturbing sound. Won't you be mine? Don't make me beg. Pud.

Sooo, cookie, how about practicing some heat transfer, friction, and vibration (not to mention fluid dynamics) with me? Trouble with you engineers is you can't spell... Lots of love....

To the only person who gets lost in consumer hell besides (and beside) me. C.Jalfrezie.

SALAMANDER. Come here my love and I will lift my spirits high for you! JOY.

DEAR MOM. You broke your shoulder, don't break my heart! THE TULLAN.

ANAIS. Happy Valentine! I have something for you (you'll like it)!

TO SILVA: Love is drama, Love is play, "It's the ticket" for every day.

Ah, My Little Gooch. Dinner was fine, dessert was a ten, but when can we do the dishes again? Yours, Whammer Jammer.

TREVA TREVA TREVA TREVA TREVA Happy Valentine's Day. -A Secret Admirer.

L2 - I just love waking up to your face every school morning. Speak French and I'll drive you anywhere! Beanbag.

HATS OFF to the most desired man in the Martlet office - I love being your co-editor!

Yo, Tiny...May you find Amore...

Bungle? Bingo? Boingo? Be my Valentine? Yours, A Closet Kinko.

My Little bunny, you're beautiful. How about more vegetable love? They thought you were tame.

D: I Love you! Happy year and seven months, mon beau Italian! Love, K (Peanut).

Brian the Beautiful One: We love you. May you pour drinks forever. Love, the Girls.

Gina, Mandy, Em, and Jen - you are the most gorgeous girls I know! Happy Valentine's.

POKEY: Thanks for hundreds of "BIG ONES!!" You give me Perma Grin! Love Honey-Bunny.

DEAREST DOOGIE: I hope you have a nice Valentine's Day. You really are beautiful! Love Critter.

Happy Valentine's Day Azil. I love you babe! Chris.

To the coffee-pouring red, to the picture-painting auburn, and the bike-riding brunette in Latin: Happy Valentine's from a boy who will soon be going away.

AASHIQ, you remind me—it is a Wonderful Life. Happily Sirius.

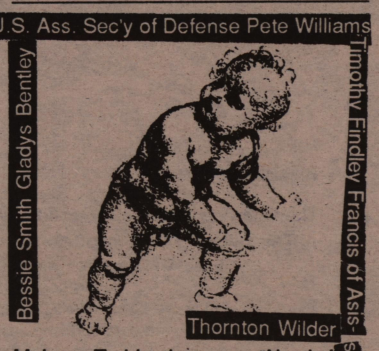
ATTN: girl-camper. Sensitive guy does exist. Girl must believe in her own beauty, inner and outer.

"They're going to swing you, they're going to soothe you, and then they're going to swing you some more." Four months gone by and you will always be the top. You're a moonlit tango, a cell-o-phane dress and a neurotic bus ride. Love you Sue, A.

H.T.S.- Oh my Honey! I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! -P.A.C.

TO MY PUMPERNICKEL BREADPIECE. Some things about you that make me happy: Your everyday hugs, our long afternoon talks, those after dinner tickle sessions and your smile. Sometimes Japan is so far away. See you soon. Love N.P.

If you have seen the movie "Didn't You Hear", contact me via PSSST.




Make a T-shirt that says "No, I don't have any spare change!"

Thank Goodness that "Rusty and Friendly" is no longer with us!

To the adorable, dark haired, dark eyed, mystery man in Psych 313. You sit at the back of the class and we used to frequent the same spot in the library (2nd floor). I'm the curious blonde you've seen watching you. Happy Valentine's Day. Maybe we can go for a drink sometime.

LOVE CAN GROW ON TREES. LOVE LEAF.

Paige 22 of a long book. Love from us.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SWEE'PEA, I ♥ you very much, you are hotter than fresh-baked peppercorn bread, or perhaps hotter than a ripe Anaheim broiling on the black, plastic upholstery of a stolen convertible in a Tijuana July.

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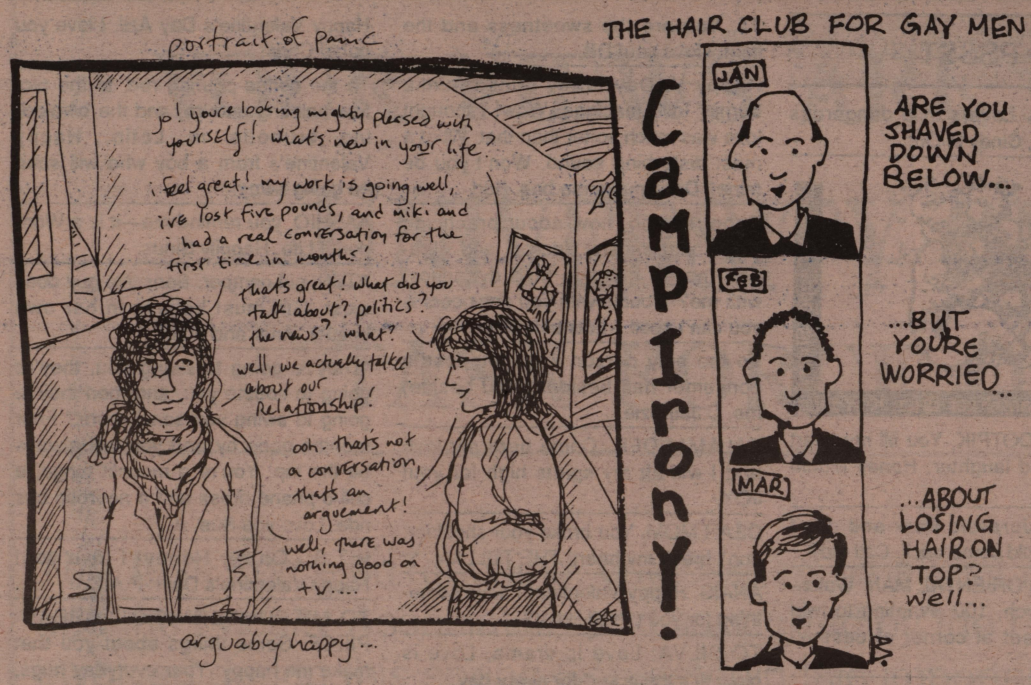





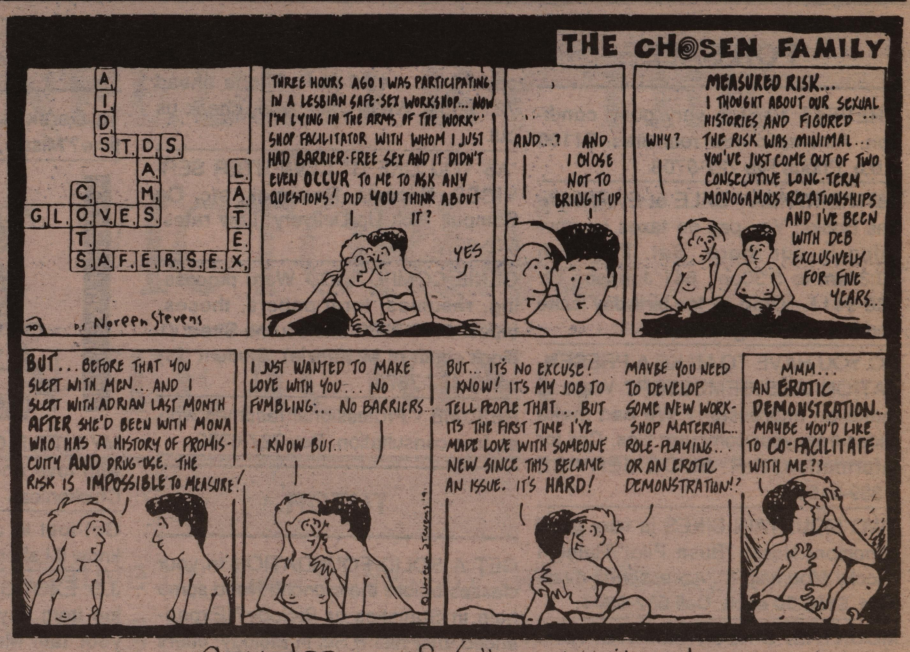


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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
# UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
# STUDENTS' SOCIETY

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1992 - 1 PM
## CINECENTA THEATRE, STUDENT UNION BUILDING

**AGENDA:**

**The following are special resolutions which have received due notice:**

**A) The following are constitutional additions and/or amendments that require a 3/4 (three quarters) majority to pass:**

**i)** moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW 1 article 7 shall read:
"Federation" shall mean the Canadian Federation of Students (-Services)

**ii)** moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 1. to 7. be renumbered to 2. to 8.

**iii)** moved Jensen/Pringle BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 1 have the following added:
1. Electoral Officers
The Student Society shall hire a Chief Electoral Officer and at least one deputy electoral officer, who are not members of the Board of Directors, to supervise the elections and by-elections.

**iv)** moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 4. f. be amended to read:
f. members of the Students' Society shall not be executive directors for more than two years.

**v)** moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 5. c. be relettered to 5. d.

**vi)** moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW SIX Article 5. c. be added:
c. all UVSS candidates and their supporters shall not distribute material during the campaign period which has the effect or purpose of offending or demeaning a person or group of persons on the basis of race, color, ancestry, place of origin, nationality, religion, family or marital status, physical or mental disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, or conviction for a criminal charge; or seriously threatening or intimi dating a person.

**vii)** moved Jensen/Pringle BIRT ~~BYLAW~~ EIGHT Article 2. h. and i. be deleted and thefollowing sections relettered.

**viii)** moved Pringle/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW NINE Article 2. be amended to read:
2. The UVic Women's Steering Committee shall select one woman member, to be ratified by the Board of Directors, to sit as the local liaison on the Women's Steering Committee of the Federation as per the Bylaws of the Federation.

**ix)** moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW TEN Article 3. be amended to read:
3. A Director who has missed three(3) regularly scheduled meetings in a semester without prior consent of the Board of Directors shall be considered to have resigned.

**x)** moved Pringle/Jensen BIRT BYLAW TWELVE Article 1. a. be amended to read:
a. a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors

**xi)** moved Greenwell/Jensen BIRT BYLAW THIRTEEN Article 6. d. be deleted.

**xii)** moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT BYLAW SIXTEEN Article 1. e. be amended to read:
e. The Student Society Operational Relations Committee which shall function according to the Terms of Reference for the Student Society Operational Relations Committee.

**xiii)** moved Pringle/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW SIXTEEN Article 1. j. be amended to read:
j. The Student Issues Committee which shall function according to the terms of reference of the Student Issues Committee.

**xiv)** moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT BYLAW SIXTEEN Article 1. k. be deleted and l. relettered to k.

**B) The following are policy changes and/or amendments which require a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority to pass:**

**i)** moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following aspolicy:
**In-Camera Sessions:**
1. a motion to move in-camera shall include the topic(s) to be discussed. No other issue(s) may be discussed during the session.
2. when a motion is made to come out of camera, that in-camera session ceases immediately and a five minute break shall be called to allow the return of the gallery. If this motion fails, the in-camera session will continue within the constraints of the original in-camera motion.

**ii)** moved Jensen/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The Students' Society shall publish a list of its committees, the committee membership and the committee meeting times on the notice board outside of the SUB General Office."

**iii)** moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Games room policy be deleted.

**iv)** moved Jensen/Greenwell BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The Society condemns all discrimination based on sexual orientation."

**v)** moved Greenwell/Pringle BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following aspolicy
"The Students' Society supports that equal priority be given to same sex couples as heterosexual couples in rentals units."

**vi)** moved Pringle/Greenwell BIRT the Student's Society adopt the following Conflict of Interest regulations as policy:

**A. Declaration of Interests**

At the beginning of their term, each Director shall be given a copy of the Conflict of Interest regulations, and shall disclose all interests which might cause conflict of interest, such as (but not limited to) membership in any clubs, course unions, other executives or boards, financial interests (such as holdings, shares, etc.), and employment within the operations of the Students' Society.

**B.Employment Conflict of Interest**

1. If Board members apply for positions of employment within the operations of the Students' Society, they shall resign from the Board of Directors of the Students' Society (the Board) or their resignation shall be consid ered to have been delivered on the closing date of applications.
2. Once they take office, Executive Directors must resign from any other paid positions in the operations of the Students' Society, or else shall be considered to have resigned from the Board.
3. If Directors-At-Large were already employees of the Students' Society before being elected, they may keep their employed position, but they must follow these restrictions:

**A) they cannot be members of the following committees:**
i) all divisional hiring committees
ii) the Personnel committee
iii) union executives
iv) bargaining committees
v) the Labour Management Committee

**B) they must formally abstain from discussing and voting on:**
i) the Management Wage Package
ii) the collective agreements
iii) other Personnel issues
iv) motions affecting their particular division of employment

4. If Directors apply for a Workstudy position within the operations of the Students' Society, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered on the closing date of applica tions. Exempt are those Workstudy positions within the operations of the Vancouver Island Public Research Group (VIPIRG), the Radio Society (CFUV-FM), the Martlet and the Women's Centre.

**C.Club and Course Union Conflict of Interest**

1. If Executive Directors are elected or acclaimed to any executive position, or if they are given signing authority, in any club or course union, they shall resign from the Board or their resignation shall be considered to have been delivered at the time of their election or acclamation to that club or course union executive.
2. Directors who are members of clubs and/or course unions shall formally abstain from discussing and voting on specific money and privilege issues for their particular club and/or course union, but shall be allowed to vote omnibus on funding and policy for clubs and course unions, such as at the Clubs Council and Course Union Council meetings.

**vii)**moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports an immediate freeze of tuition fees and supports the eventual total elimination of fees."

**viii)** moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports increased representation of students on the Human Resource Development project."

**ix)** moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Student's Society adopt the following as policy *(copies of the Declaration will be posted outside the SUB General Office, and will be available at the Resource Centre)*
"The UVSS endorses the Declaration of Students' Rights, as stated in the Canadian Federation of Students' policy manual, and will publish the declaration in the UVSS student handbook."

**x)** moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports the democratization and an increase of student representation on the Board of Governors."

**xi)** moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports Canada's withdrawal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Northern Radar Air Defense."

**xii)** moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following as policy:
"The UVSS supports the complete preservation of the Carmanah, Walbran and Stein valleys."

**xiii)** moved Greenwell/McReynolds BIRT the Students' Society adopt the following policy:
"The UVSS supports the reduction, re-use, and recycling of all materials that are considered to be non-biodegradable and/or harmful to the global environment."

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### ALLAN BALLINGER

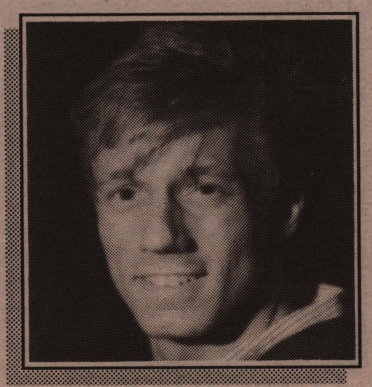
**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Education — 4th year*

In an age of rising tuition costs, increasing G.P.A. requirements, enrollment caps, and an antiquated student loan program, a student's ability to acquire an education has been severely compromised. As a member of Senate, I will ensure that students are heard, and listened to. The grossly inadequate registration system needs to be thoroughly reviewed and the $100 registration fee should be *abolished.* I believe that education is a right for all, regardless of sex, race or income level; everyone and anyone should be allowed to learn. If we want this university to be accessible for all students, it is imperative that the proposed 1992-93 tuition increases be stopped, and either eliminated or set at an affordable level. As your representative on the Senate, I would like to see part time and co-op students treated more equitably in the requirements for scholarships, loans, and work-study positions. I fully support the campus Equity Policy and would like to see women represented in teaching and administrative positions among all campus faculties and departments. Through my experience on the Provincial Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students and in student campaigns at UVic, I have come to realize that individuals and collective group action can bring about change — and change is what we need. In short, post secondary education in B.C. is at the crossroads: will education be increasingly elitist or will we have an educational system that provides access for all? As students, we all have a stake in the outcome. Please vote.

### KAREN BALLINGER

**Running for election to Senate (part time)**
*Fine Arts — 3rd year*

As a member of the Senate, I would work for a registration system that is fair to all students. The present system is a disaster. Too many students are unable to get the courses they need to graduate. The $100.00 deposit requirement is a major financial barrier. I would like to see an expansion of the university facilities so qualified students are not turned away every year. The NDP must be made to fulfill their election promise of a freeze on tuition fees. We need a greater utilization of the buildings with more classes available in a larger timetable. Good teaching methods should be rewarded and there should be a way to have course evaluations really count for something. I want to see more daycare spaces available. Also faculty and graduate students need to contribute greater amounts to daycare facilities. I wholeheartedly support the Equity Policy. We need more women in every department. Along with this issue of fair representation, we need a safer campus. Women need to be able to study at night and to walk the campus without fear. Greater consideration should be given to disabled students. Also more scholarships and special assistance to enable students to move from part time to full time without a loss of income. Increased work study wages will enable out-of-town students to move to Victoria with their families. A re-evaluation of the co-op requirements to consider the needs of single parents. Greater coordination with the local communities to improve campus recycling.



### DAVID BATE

**Running for election to Senate (full time) and Board of Governors**
*Law — 1st year*

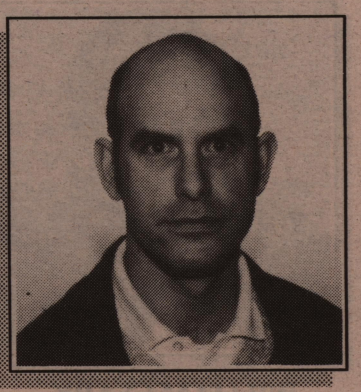
Hi! My name is Dave Bate and I'm running for re-election to the Senate and election to the Board of Governors. This year in the Senate we got a lot of good things done and these are my goals and objectives for the next Senate and Board of Governors term:

**Board of Governors:**
- Reduce pre-registration fee from present $100.00 to at least $50.
- Make sure residence fees aren't raised to help pay for the new "res condos" being built across Sinclair Road.
- Eliminate differential fees for foreign students and promote cultural diversity at UVic.
- More money for more telephones at teleregistration and reduce wait-listing.

**Senate:**
- Promote equal grading systems in each faculty.
- Make sure co-op students aren't left out in the cold and have a say in what goes on at UVic when they are on work terms.
- Support the creation of a UVic Native Studies Program.

**Both Areas:**
- Hound the provincial government to live up to their promise to freeze tuition fees.
- Promote independence for course unions and faculty societies to allow more student participation and department-centered activities.
- Hound the UVic Administration into developing a reasonable alcohol policy that promotes responsible use but doesn't penalize clubs, course unions, faculty societies, and treat residence students like children.
- Do everything possible to see that UVic's acquisition of the Racquet Club goes through and we get the badly needed classroom and athletic space.

I think these objectives are reasonable and attainable goals for the upcoming year. I would appreciate your support. Thank you.



### JIM BLAZINA

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Law — 2nd year*

I am a second-year student in the Faculty of Law, and am currently serving as a student Senator. I graduated from the University of Utah in 1977 with a degree in Political Science, and worked in the high-tech electronics industry in California and Austria until 1989, when I moved to Victoria.

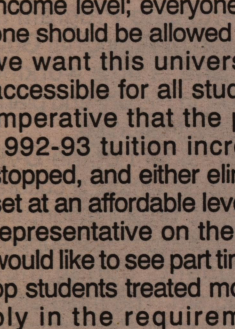
I have worked with people of many different racial, cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds, both in business and in social settings, and I have always acted on my firmly held belief that each person deserves respect and recognition for their ideas and accomplishments.

If elected to the University Senate, I promise to continue my efforts to ensure that student interests are represented in the most effective manner possible, and to build a consensus among student Senators so that we can maximize our political influence in Senate on behalf of our fellow students.

### LARA BUTTERWORTH

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 4th year*

I am a fourth year English Honours student, and currently Vice President Liaison of the English Students' Society. As a member of the Course Union Council, I have discussed with other students the many issues surrounding teleregistration, overcrowding and library use. In English and History especially, overcrowding has meant that students cannot take the classes they need to graduate. Qualified students are turned away each year. Overcrowding also calls into question the quality and accessibility of university education. As a member of the Senate, I would work toward a balance between the demand for classroom space and the quality of classroom instruction. The NDP government must be held to their promise to freeze tuition. Safety on campus is also an issue: women should be able to study anywhere without fear. I will work for students as a committed and experienced Student Senator.



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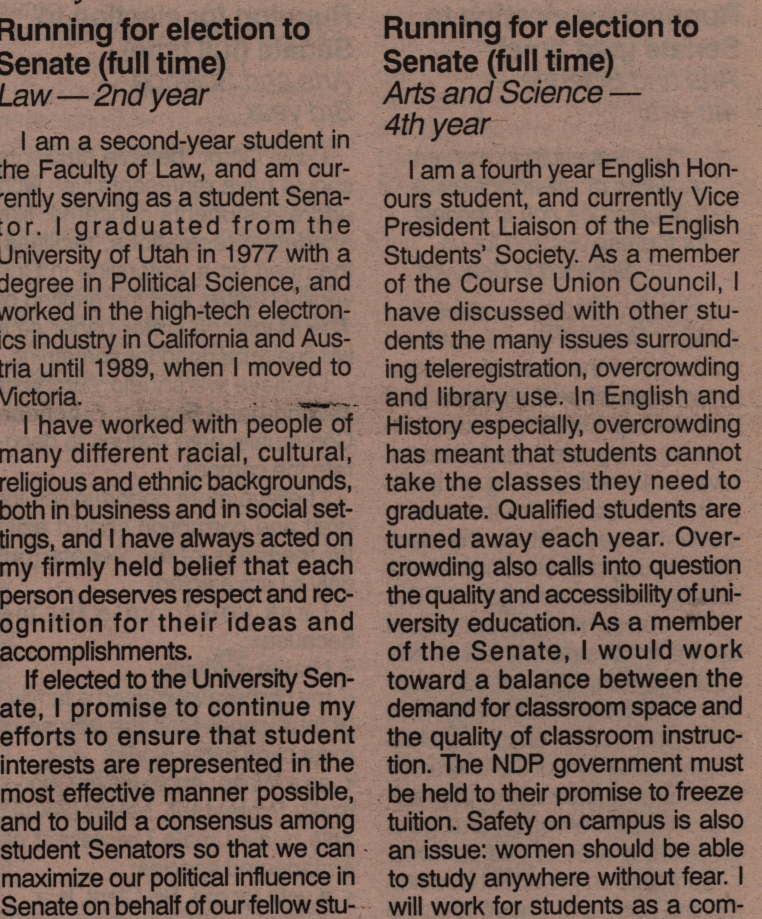

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### CLAIRE HEFFERNAN

**Running for election to Senate (part time)**
*Arts and Science — 4th year*

*"We leave idle in women qualities of great brilliance that could be rich in benefit for themselves and for us."*
*Simone De Beauvoir*

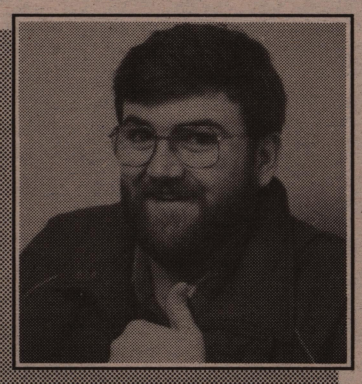
In March 1992 I was elected to Senate. At that time I outlined concerns in the area of environment, international students and increasing funding to departments, programs and student awards. I'm still working on these and other issues like increasing student accessibility to the decision making process and democratizing Senate procedures.

I'm concerned about equal access for all students to a quality post secondary education. I support the advancement of women, minorities and the physically challenged in all parts of the University community. I care about preserving unique biological and geographic features of this campus.

Senate is an important decision making body and I hope to make a positive contribution through my past experience as a student representative. Nearly 40% of students are part time yet there is only one part time student position. I need your support to represent part time students.

Volunteer Experience: Director, U.V.S.S. 1989-91. Student Senator (Arts and Science) May - December 1991.

Publications: "Campus Green Plan: Suggestions for the University of Victoria", *Sustaining Victoria, 1991*. Coeditor, *Essence*, October/November 1991, Environmental Studies Students' Newsletter.



### WILLIAM CLARK

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 3rd year*

I, Bill Clark, believe students should have representatives who address students concerns, like academic regulations, facilities, the need for a waterslide in University Centre, and the printing of *The Martlet* on softer paper so it will finally be good for something.

I believe we should purchase second-hand Eastern European Communist hero statues to decorate the campus.

I believe more opportunities for graft and corruption should exist for members of the Senate (but only if I am elected).

I ask you to vote for me because:

- I bathe regularly;
- my corpse would feed a family of four longer than the corpse of most candidates would;
- as a White, Anglo Saxon, normally Protestant, heterosexual, able-bodied male I represent an endangered species;
- a vote for me, Bill Clark, is a vote for politically incorrect, maybe even dangerous thought;
- you can get back at the administration by saddling them with me. Stick it to UVic, vote for Bill Clark.

Don't laugh, Vote!

### GARETH MORLEY

**Running for election to Board of Governors**
*Arts and Science — 3rd year*

I am asking you to elect me to the Board of Governors, the senior governing body at UVic, which has a permanent majority of government patronage appointees (eight out of fifteen compared to two student representatives). In other words, student representation exists only to give legitimacy to the imposition of the government agenda, not to provide students with a real say concerning decisions affecting their lives. I cannot promise to *do* more than create an effective opposition to whatever the government and administration springs on us next. However, I will pursue the following objectives:

1. The elimination of the BOG in its present form to be replaced by a democratic body with equal representation from students, faculty and campus workers.
2. The abolition of tuition and the payment to students of a living wage.
3. An end to military research and recruiting at UVic.
4. Opposition to corporate control of university priorities.

Since the University plays an integral role in the military/industrial complex, providing it with research into more efficient ways to kill people and make money and training and classifying a new generation of bureaucrats, technicians and ideologues, the struggle to transform it into a real centre of knowledge and new ideas accessible to everyone must take place in the context of a broader class struggle against state monopoly capitalism and for a socialist society in which human need, not private profit, prevails.

### GEORGE PRINGLE

**Running for election to Senate (full time) and Board of Governors**
*Fine Arts — 4th year*

Hi, I'm George Pringle and I would like your support to be re-elected to a third term to the Senate and a second term on the Board of Governors.

I'm in my fourth and last year in student politics at UVic and would like to continue working on the following projects:

- the reduction of the Pre-reg fee to $50
- the elimination of differential fee for international students
- changing the draft alcohol policy so clubs and course unions can fundraise
- fighting for equal graduate student representation on University committees
- lobbying the provincial government for more funding and a tuition freeze
- ensuring that future rez fee increases are not used for the new married student townhouse development
- the creation of additional parking spaces on campus and a reduction of the oversell rate
- fighting for the right of Co-op students to have representation on the Senate without being jerked around
- lobbying for a seat for Native students on the Senate and a Native Studies program
- independence for any Faculty based course union (Law, Engineering, Business and Education) which wants to form their own Society separate from the UVSS.

I have been extremely active working for students, your support ensures active student reps. Thank you for your time.

### KIM RECALMA-CLUTESI

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 3rd year*

Kim Recalma-Clutesi is a status Indian and member of the Qualicum Indian Band. Kim has been involved extensively as a volunteer in the Native community in such areas as developing Native curriculum and cultural activities for her Band and the surrounding community. She has also worked for such organizations as the RAVEN Society, the Native Brotherhood, and the Native Voice newspaper.

Kim first attended the University of Victoria in 1988 and is completing the Certificate Program in Administration of Aboriginal Government. She is now working toward a B.A. in History and plans to enter graduate studies.

Kim is President of the UVic Native Students' Union, a cultural and academic organization, the primary goal of which is to support Native students during their degree program. The main priority of the Native Student Union is to assist the re-entry of Native students into the Native community.

# X VOTE FOR YOUR CHOICE!

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## PAUL CHAMBERLAIN

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Graduate Students (Geography) — 3rd year*

I was educated in Europe, the Middle East and Canada; I have undertaken undergraduate and post graduate training at the University of Victoria and am currently completing my Ph.D. in geography. I have been an acting graduate representative in the Department of Geography on a temporary basis and currently sit on a panel that elects distinguished guest speakers to the University. With growing financial constraints, my most important goal is to ensure that the costs to students are kept to a minimum. I would like to see a greater emphasis in the University placed upon teaching and would like to explore ways to achieve this goal. Lines at the loans desk at peak periods must be reduced. I support the equity policy at the University and the safety of female students after dark must continue to be a priority.

## MAGGIE SEDGEMORE

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Human and Social Development — 2nd year*

Maggie Sedgemore is a Status Native and member of the Nimpkish Band. Maggie is a member of a family that has been actively involved in cultural activities for many years, promoting Native art and customs.

Maggie first attended the University of Victoria in September 1991 and is enrolled in the B.S.N. program. She plans to go into public health nursing. Maggie's involvement with her cultural background has helped with her nursing studies, for example, promoting sensitization in caring for Native patients.

Maggie is also involved with the UVic Native Students' Union, a cultural and academic organization, the primary goal of which is to support Native students during their degree program.

## COLIN CATHRO

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 3rd year*

Hi, my name is Colin Cathro. I'm in my 3rd year of a double major in Math and Economics. I feel that I could work hard and be an excellent representative of UVic students as student Senate for the Faculty of Arts and Science.

## WENDY FARWELL

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Human and Social Development — 2nd year*

- Date of birth 25/01/56
- Married with two children
- Second-year student in Health Information Science co-op program
- Previously part time Business Administration Science co-op program
- Homeowner; lived in Victoria for 16 of the last 17 years
- Worked in retail and government clerical for 12 years
- Spent 5 years at home with children
- Proponent of continuing education, especially for mature students
- Proponent of alternative education, notably Montessori method
- Mature, responsible, open minded and flexible.

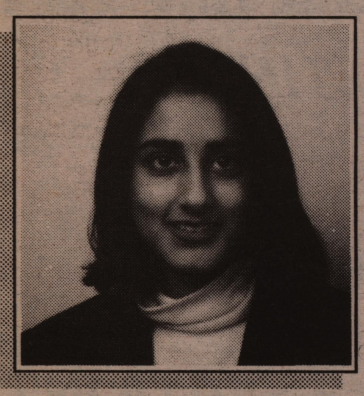
## DAVID GRAMLICH

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 4th year*

**Fellow Students:**

My last year as a Student Senator was rewarding and I am pleased to be in this years election. I stayed involved with Senate Budget Committee, Student Senate Caucus, and numerous meetings but I feel it was all worth it. The Senate is an opportunity to get involved with the academic nitty-gritty of the University and the people who create it. Maintaining a strong student voice on Senate is what I promise and I hope I get your vote on election day.

Dave Gramlich
Student Senator
Arts and Science



## SHEMINA KESHVANI

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Fine Arts — 2nd year*

As a member of the Senate Committee my goal is to ensure that students have a voice in the activities that the Senate undertakes. Specific areas include:

- the establishment of fair and equitable admission standards for entrance to the University of Victoria and its various faculties;
- development of a cost effective budget which is in the best interest of the University and its students;
- involvement of students in the formation and revision of courses of study;
- further development of the University Extension Program;
- establishment of more scholarships, bursaries and fellowships;
- ensuring that the library facility is meeting the needs of the faculties and students.

## MICHAEL IZEN

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Graduate Studies (Public Admn.) — 1st year*

I began the Master's of Public Administration degree in September 1991. Within the School of Public Administration, I am a tutor in the Administration of Aboriginal Governments program. I am also involved in the Public Administration Students Society and I am the departmental representative in the Graduate Students Society. My undergraduate degree was in Political Science from the University of Winnipeg and McGill. My work experience includes owning and managing a sportswear manufacturing business called "Vicious Weasel". I also have experience as a Teacher Aide and as a fundraiser for several charitable organizations.

## BARBARA FOSTER

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 3rd year*

I am presently attending my third year at UVic and plan to major in political science and English. I am enjoying my third year on UVic's rowing team. My summers are spent tree planting, or rowing in Vancouver. I am bilingual. I have an interest in the Senate because I realize the importance of good student representation. Students' needs must be met. Issues such as overcrowding, parking, telereg, bike racks and tuition fees have not received sufficient attention. Willing to listen to my fellow students, and having been exposed to many of these problems myself, I guarantee that *student* interests and concerns will be addressed. Students should be the University's number one priority!

## JOANNA HARRINGTON

**Running for election to the Board of Governors**
*Law — 1st year*

Joanna Harrington is a first year law student at UVic. After completing a degree in political science and history at UVic, Joanna moved to Victoria to work in the BC Legislature as a legislative intern. Her past experience demonstrates her commitment to working on issues such as tuition, over-crowded classrooms, gender equity and campus safety: Chair of the UBC Task Force on Tuition and Student Aid, and a member of Senate and the Students' Council, Joanna is currently a member of the UVic Faculty of Law's Anti-discrimination Committee. She is also active in the community as a member of the James Bay Neighbourhood Environment Committee and a former member of the Board of Directors of International House in Vancouver.

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## LARISSA SELLES

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Education — 3rd year*

The issues I would like to address as a student Senator of the University of Victoria are the academic issues that affect the student population on campus. I feel that it is important that student concerns and issues are addressed in Senate and I am committed to being a voice to Senate representing my peers.

For example, I feel it is important to have the student Senators on the Agenda and Procedures Committee address student issues. This committee decides which issues go forward to Senate. Naturally, students need a representative to ensure that student issues are on the agenda.

As well, student input is key on the Senate Committee on Planning when it considers major course changes. When courses are revised we need to ensure that they are applicable to student needs.

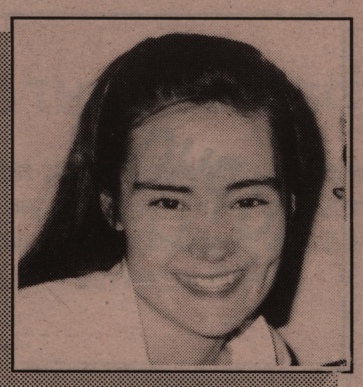
There are many committees in Senate that will address student issues and it is crucial that we have students representing our needs.

As Director of the Education Students' Association, I am aware of the issues that confront Education students and will work hard to ensure that a student voice will be heard on Senate. My candidacy is fully supported by the Education Students' Association and I look forward to working closely with them as your representative on Senate.

## LISA CODD

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 2nd year*

- Removal of A- preference in the TREG system
- Removal of Student and Ancillary Services "monopoly" on food and alcohol service on campus
- Removal of $100 deposit required in order to use the TREG system
- Promote safety on campus through better lighting and a more active role of Traffic and Security, particularly in the parking areas, library and night classes
- Develop an effective method of evaluating faculty for their teaching abilities
- Expand day care facilities for both students and faculty, and encourage further faculty funding of the facility (Now that's alliteration!)
- Improve working conditions and wages of student employees of the University, particularly work study students, researchers, and Resident Advisers
- Initiate changes to the Coop Education programs to make them more hospitable to students who are also parents
- Attempt to unite faculty and students behind issues of tuition freeze and student financial assistance.



## CHRISTIE STEPHENSON

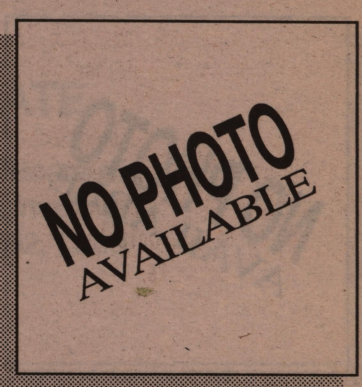
**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Arts and Science — 3rd year*

I am in third year, History major /Political Science minor. I have been involved in Residence activities, the Political Science Course Union, and as a coxswain for the men's rowing team. Currently I'm a campus tour guide and a member of the United Nations Club. The Senate makes vital decisions on our behalf in regard to enrollment, telereg, scholarships, the library and course content. I would like to be a part of this decision making process at UVic.

## CHAD THOMPSON

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Graduate Studies (Political Science) — 1st year*

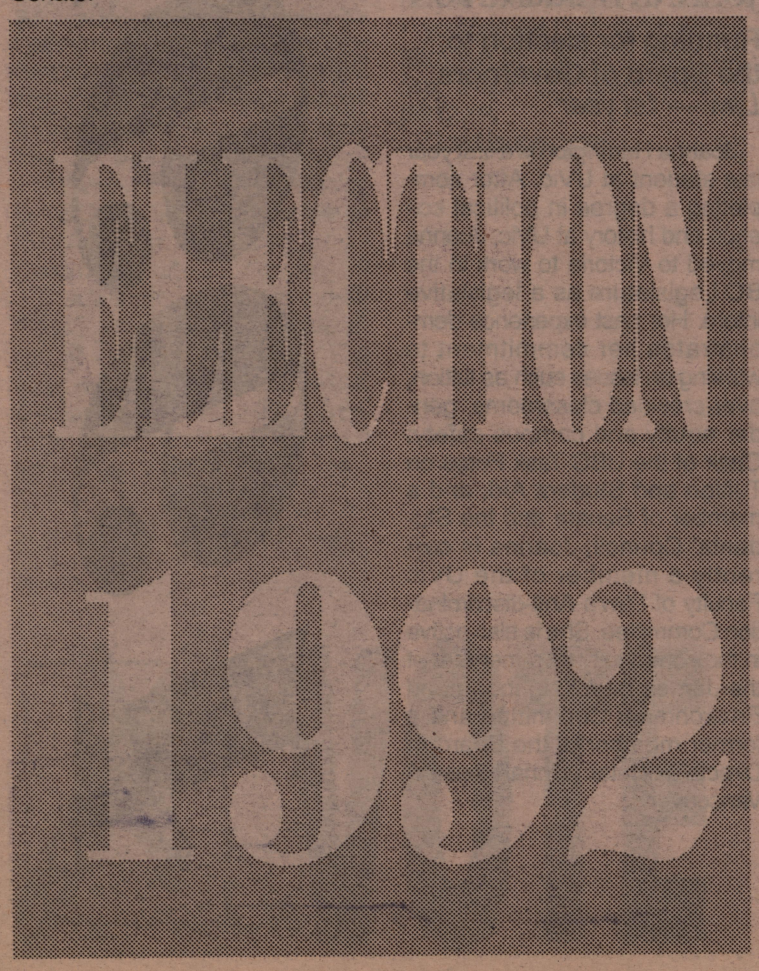
I'm completing my first year of a two-year M.A. in Political Science. During my time as an undergraduate at the University of Regina, I was both a spectator and a participant in student/administration politics, via departmental committees, the newspaper and the students' union. Through this experience, I've witnessed firsthand how students do have common interests, not synonymous with those of other elements of the university. I refuse to let students' voices go unheard!




## CAROLINE BOOKLESS

**Running for election to Senate (full time)**
*Graduate Studies (Public Admin.) — 1st year*

B.A. (Hon.) French Literature & Language, McGill University. University Scholar, McGill University. First year of Master's of Public Administration. Tutor, Administration of Aboriginal Governments Certificate Program. Interested in all aspects of university governance with special emphasis on government funding arrangements. Particular interest in representing the concerns of the Aboriginal student body.




## ELECTION OF STUDENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THE SENATE BY UVSS AND GSS MEMBERS

# NOTICE

### *ALL CANDIDATES MEETING*

Monday, 24 February 1992
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Senate and Board Room, University Centre

### *VOTING DATES AND POLLING STATIONS*

**UVSS and GSS members must present a valid 1991–92 student card in order to vote**

**MONDAY, 2 MARCH 1992**
**8:30 am to 7:30 pm**

Begbie Building (by cafeteria); Craigdarroch Commons Block (by dining room); Elliott Building (mezzanine by main lecture halls); Graduate Students' Centre (lobby); McLaurin Building (by David Lam Auditorium); McPherson Library (entrance); Phoenix Theatre Building (lobby); Student Union Building (lobby); University Centre (lobby)

**TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 1992**
**8:30 am to 7:30 pm**

Craigdarroch Commons Block (by dining room); Graduate Students' Centre (lobby); McPherson Library (entrance); Student Union Building (lobby); University Centre (lobby)

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, 4, 5, AND 6 MARCH 1992**
**8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

Office of the University Secretary, B102 Sedgewick Building

*Sheila Sheldon Collyer, Registrar*